Extract to be copied

The Wednesday after New Years.

1853

Remsen Jan. 5. 1853.

My Dear, dear Anna;

Now, it is, that I ~~that~~ I have first found time to fulfil my promise. Now is the time that I have so long been waiting for, almost with impatience. I did not expect though that it would be so ~~light~~ late before I would begin to write. It is about twenty minutes after seven, and I shal have to hurry a little, or I can not write but a very short letter.—Perhaps you are writing to me now dear sister, and perhaps you have got your letter all written and placed in the post office. I presume Father and Mother have reached there before this time, and you are having a firs-(forgive me I was just going to say firstrate) a very pleasant visit, I meant. I guess now that I have got throgh perhapsing I will decend to "matter of fact." One thing ~~that~~ I am sure of, is, that I had very poor ink when I began to write, and that I have just got some better. So you must ~~[illegible]~~ excuse the looks of this sheet. I went to school to day on the crust. It was very good walking, did not sink hardly any. It was was beautiful cold weather, both going and coming, and I suppose it was when we

we were in school; they kept a (pretty brisk fire all the time, so that we did not feel the cold much. We had fine times coming home we had the agreeable company of snow-balls about half the way He kept close by my side all the while, and a few times was so very kind as to come and put his hands right on my neck, or in my face. But although he was so very attentive to me, he did not by any means neglect the rest of the company, he several times gave them the same compliments as he did me. Oh! I wish you could be with us Anna, it would be so pleasant for us to be together, but I suppose it is better for you to be where you are now. Still I am afraid you are not quite free from home-sick fits; you must try to keep up good spirits, and not give up to discouragement. I suppose you think that I have had a great deal of experience, to think of advizing you. But do now, dear sister try to be as happy as you can, for remember, the term is almost out. —

Thursday eve. I was obliged to leave you last night, because it was so late, and go to bed. This is hardly doing as I agreed, writing on the 5th of January; but then I hope it will do just as well.

David has gone to the village, and I hope that when he comes back he will bring a letter from you. I am sorry I could not send this so you would get it to day, but Sarah says, I had better keep it until Pa and Ella come home, for fear they might

want to send some word down. — Sisters Margaret and Sarah (S.M.c.E) were here last night. They came up a little while before supper. Margaret went down right away, and Sarah staid all night. She went home sometime when we were gone to school to-day. They both send their love. Have you been down to Utica lately, or seen Robert ~~and~~ Jenny, or either? Were they both well when you saw them last? Have you been to see Lucy Stark lately, and how is she? And how are all of our folks at Whitstown? Can Sissie talk much of any yet? Sarah Marih said that Johnny and sissie were not very well when she was in Utica. I hope that they are better now. Are they not? Tell Jenny when you see her that I have not read that book through that she left home, but I mean to before long; and then she shall have a letter. Please to tell Robert that I am expecting an answer to that letter I sent him last summer. And that if he dont write soon he will have to pay interest. Ellen Roberts is here now, she sends her love. —

To-day after coming home from school — I have but twenty-minutes to write, for John says he is going down to the village so soon. This is the third time I have comenced this letter, and whether I shall get through this time or not I am sure I cannot tell. — Henry came ~~home~~ last friday night, and Saturday, he, Eddie and I went to Lozel's to coffee, not tea. When we got there, we found Sarah had got the table set, and the ~~[illegible]~~ coffee steept waiting for us and the milk which we were to bring down.

When we handed her the pail, she said, "Oh! I am so glad you have brought the milk down!" but when she lifted the cover, Oh, such a look of despair you never saw. It is emptings! she exclaimed, and so it was sure enough. Mother had a pail just like hers, with emptings in, and she had given us the wrong one. So John had to go begging milk. He found some at Mr. Roberts, and we some very good coffee indeed. Is that better than firstrate? After coffee we went to Margarets, and I staid there all night. I had a very pleasant time at both places. I cannot tell how the rest enjoyed themselves, but they appeared to very well. Henry wrote to you Saturday afternoon, Have you got the letter? Father and Mother came home last night just as we were going to bed safe and well. They have gone to Jem. I do not know as she wishes to send any word. I must close now, as I want to go with Ellen to prayer meeting. Be a good girl, and write soon. Good bye. — your Sister Cynthia.

P. S. I hope you did not hurt yourself eating that wedding cake I sent you. Kiss Johny and Sissie for me — in great haste

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1853
Bernsen, Sept 27 '53

Anna dear,

It is half past six. (not so late as I thought it was) before I find time to commence writing to you ~~on~~ your birthday. – Margaret Morris and Mary have gone to Waterville. Mother has been from home to-day to a funeral. Sarah Maria's brother Major and his wife and little boy came to see her last night. They met Father on the road and knew him by his miniature that Sarah had out there. Have been over here this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, (Floyd) and old Mrs. Jones (Farm) and Elizabeth came from the funeral and staid to tea. The trustees (Mr. Pierce and Mr Jones) have been here this evening and left 13 dollars for you which was all the public money they had. They want to have the roll in order to collect the rest, and make a report to the supreintendent. Have you got the book with you? If you can, send a copy of it or something so with Mary or any way you can.

Henry has come, and says you think you will not write to me to-day. Why is this. Anna?, but seeing it is so I guess I shall not hurry much to finish this. I thought this evening, some, of not writing to-night it was ~~so~~ so late and I was rather tired. but I thought it would not do seeing I had <u>promised</u> to write, but it seems you thought diferently. Uncle Henry was here to-day. He came up last night and returned this morning. He came to get some pigs for Henry. -

Wednesday - I presume Mary is with you to day. We expect Father home to-day. Has he been to Whitesboro? Anna, I did not go to Penymynydd to meeting. In the morning. Father, Mother, Mary and Letitia went to Mrs. Roberts funeral, and in the afternoon father went to Pen. I staid at home all day an went to the village the next day. Mother wants me to close now so that you can have it in time to for you to send the ~~r~~ rolls. so I cannot finish this. Sarah has got the tooth ache quite badly to-day. She has taken cold.

Sis.

Mother wants to know if you know anything of Henry's where abouts. I feel quite anxious about him not having heard anything since that letter he wrote to John and are expecting him home every night. Have got two shirts made for him, and would like to know what his prospects are so as to be able to do something for him.

Please except my Love, A. L. C. Boles ents.

December 7. 1858. Anna dearest,

Those tears that I saw in your eyes this morning, I thought were tokens of a sad heart, and I will play the comforter. I cannot act that part very well, I fear, but will do my best. You need not say I think you are a baby and write this only to "coax you up", for it is not so, but I want to say a few things that I did not, when you were home. I fear you did not enjoy yourself very much this vacation, and can you, will you ever forgive me, for not trying to make my darling happy. My heart tells me you will, for I know that that did not lessen your love to me. Mine, to you, Anna, is ever the same. "Not many may know the depth of true sisterly love, The wealth of the ocean lies fathoms below, the surface that sparkles above."

Sarah says, "tell her I am sitting up."

Mary had a tooth drawn to-day by Dr Griswold, and

she says "it did not hurt hardly any." I hope you will not have the tooth ache any more now, and that you will prosper in your studies and drawing, and above all keep up good courage. Would pretty frequent communications from me, during next term, be very unacceptable? I do not say you will receive them, but would like to to know wether they would be acceptable or not?

Thursday noon 8. I have eaten those butternuts, Anna dear. did you remember yours? I ate my dinner earlier than usual today: they brought it to me about 11 ½; so I ate one of the nuts then, about 20 minutes of 12, as I had not quite finished my dinner, I stopped and ate the other. It is the day for Society meeting today. The bell has rung for Worship

Friday eve Only a few words can I write to-night Anna, and what shall they be about? It is difficult to decide. My feelings have been very varied this eve. Just at supper time Sarah Maria came in, with "the dear little fellow" and after supper we took him to the door to look at the moon. He watched it some time. Perhaps some very sublime ideas enters his head then, but they were soon done away with, and he was laughing and jumping forgetful of all

bright visions of beauty — After they went, Mary read the last of that book we were reading when you were home; and then all sorts of thoughts came into my mind, I cannot tell you what, for I hardly know myself. — Father and Mother went to the villige last nig't to call on Deacon Edwards and Deacon Roberts. This afternoon Fa went to Penymynydd, and Mother went with him intending to stop at "Glyn" until he se[illegible] and now I presume the are in prayer-meeting at Griffith G. Griffiths'.

Margaret sent a mince pie up for Sarah this morning with Davis. Mary has been crimping her ruffle to night, and Bettie is hurrying with all her might to finish a shirt. She met with a sad accident a few minutes ago, she had to rip-rip-rip the whole of a part of one wristband off, and a part of another. Mary again wants me to tell you that she has begun to make her cinnamon colored dress, the one that Jennie gave her when she was in Utica. Sarah sayes she has got an apple, and she would like very much to send it to you were she not afeared 'twould enlarge the postage Will. — When I commenced this I did say (as you probably noticed) that I could write but a few words but thoughts increased

and messages also, and time seems to have lingered long
than I thought it would then.

Mon. eve. - Sister dear, I have allowed two, and almost three days to pass without writing a word in this. I am most too bad, am I not. Jennie has not come, as we expected, We begin to think that perhaps her vacation does not commence until next week. Do you know when it is. Write soon, and let us know when your folks can come. Ask them if they can come so as to be here Friday or Monday, during Jennies vacation if not try to be here Saturday.

Last Saturday evening Mary and I went to the village to see if Jane had come It was a very calm and pleasant eve, and so light that we could distinguish objects almost as well as in the day. When we were returning we met John and Sarah and the baby going down Franky was awake and appeared to enjoy the walk, or rather ride for him very much. - I have been scalding our bird-cage to-day. commenced makeing an apron this afternoon, but finished it not. - Sarah says she wishes to send no words but love.

Sis

Sarah is about as she was when you saw her.

Use the bread when you need it.

They were walking carrying the baby,

Happy Home, Feb 28/54

Sister dear,

Here I am, seated on a foot-stool, with my paper on the work-box, and your letter desk open before me — all ready you see to have a cozy little chat with you. I fear though I may be intruding on your study hours, but I must talk whether you listen or not. I have got quite a cold and a very sore throat (though I think it is some better this afternoon) so that I feel just about sick or dull enough not to ~~g~~ undertake to do much of anything. So the remainder of this afternoon may well be spent in writing ~~for you~~ that is not a very laborious task, especially when what I write is addressed to one to whom I can say what I please, without fear. —

It does not seem very easy for me to get my thoughts in a writable condition always — I can think of a good many things, but can not get my thoughts so that they will quite do to write — that's the trouble —

I have just been wetting Sarah's compress — a privelege which you cannot enjoy now — Let me see, how soon will you be home in about two weeks, is it not? — I want to know what topic you wrote on of those ~~to~~ you mentioned when I was down and how you succeeded — I was very glad to get that Journal you sent with Sarah — hope you are continueing to write one for me, and will send it down.

Tell Elizabeth we are going to bye her out, if she has not sold already — (Doesn't that sound too well?) Mother says she felt discouraged when she was there, ~~about~~ being able to send for the things but we think now that we can borrow a team to go after them — We should like to get the sofa — the parlor and sitting-room carpets, wash-stands — that work-stand with leaves — the cane-bottom chairs, one or two bed-steads, and Susan thinks she would like to have that cane-back rocking-chair. Then if Elizabeth should be sorry afterwards that she has sold, Mother says she can have them again.

Does Mr. Butler mean to take his Secretary with him?

Mon — Did you go to church any where yesterday, Anna, and was it very stormy there? Mother went with Father in the afternoon to Pen. and stoped at [illegible] on their way home. — Mary, Hettie, and I went to church in the morning. Father preached from 1 Cor. 2:8. "Which none of the princes of this world knew, for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." —

You ask, in your letter if I made any such fair promises of writing to Henry as you did. I cannot say that I did make any promises in regard to writing, but I have written him 3 times. Have you done that, Anna. Sarah received a letter from him last Tuesday which we sent to ye Utica, so that you have of course heard from him ere this how he is. We have not heard anything from him since, but are expecting a letter ~~from him~~ every night. — Mother asks me if I cannot make my letter grow — I suppose she thinks I make pretty slow progress, though perhaps you would not know it if I had not told you.

I really wish I could see you. They say that "distance lends enchantment to the view." I do not know how that is in this case, but think that if my Anna were here I would care enough for her presence to take one look. You are now so distant that my eyes cannot follow you, and I am obliged to think

of you as I saw you when you were ~~was~~ near, and I am sure you were enchanting enough then, to make me desire to see you once more. But perhaps distance does lend a little of it. We will see how that is, when vacation comes.

Mother and Sarah wants me to write to Henry, so I guess I shall go and do it now — and of course I must leave you before I can do so. Sarah says.

"Tell my Anna, in your letter

That her Sarah is some better."

That is a mach for your cousin's rhyme — Letitia tells me to ask you when you are going to answer her letter. "When I get it" I suppose you will say. I wish you would do the same to mine — yours ever,

Sister Cynthia.

My dear Sisters.

I suppose you have been wondering why I have not fulfilled my promise to write in a few days. My time has been very much occupied. I have attended the meetings a good deal. There is a very great deal of religious interest around here now. Indeed it seems as though there was hardly a person that does not feel more or less concern of mind. There is also a great deal of feeling among professing christians. There appears to be a general awakening among the churches to a sense of their failure in duty. O, pray for us, that the feeling may be deepened that Zion may indeed awake, put on strength", and determine henceforth

15th. P. S. Aunt Sarah wants to know when you are coming home. She says she doesn't like the notion very well of your staying out west all the time. She says she has most forgotten how Jennie looks, but she remembers seeing Anna set type in the office. Cousin Margaret sends her love to Jennie, and says she would be very glad to see her, and that she will make tea for her too. Ma and Mary send love, so does Sis. I hope you will write soon and tell what you think of my going to N. H. I hate to give up the idea of being with you but I think I would enjoy myself at Elizabeth's very much, and it seems as though the burden would be more equally distributed so.

Remsen, [illegible] 1857

to labor earnestly in the vineyard of the Lord. – I hope these pieces will not be too late for Anna if she wants them. We are sending several pieces. Perhaps you can select something from among them that will answer your purpose.

I suppose before this reaches you, you will have received Mother, Mary and Elisabeth's letters. I feel quite anxious to hear from you again, to know what you think of Elisabeth's offer. I wish to do what is right and best, if I knew what I ought to do. My sisters are very kind to me I am sure. however this terminates I shall feel under obligation to both you and sister E. I wish very much to hear from you about it. The difference in travelling would be a considerable. We will not decide of course till we hear again from you.

I told cousin Margaret, after I had been ~~writing~~ copying some of these pieces, that I had been writing something for Anna, and she told me to give her best

best love to her, and to tell her that she would like to see her very, very much. She hopes you will come with your old man from the West, and if you come to see her, she will make you an old country cup of tea, and she will try to make a bed for you, the best she ~~can~~. She says if you will wait for her sons, you may have one of them. She says she has got two sons and that you did not see but one of them, that the youngest one is the best little fellow in the United States. He wont cry, she says. Now Anna, there is an offer of a man that wont cry, what say you to that? He is a good little fellow, I tell you. I expect she and cousin John will go to housekeeping to-morrow or next day. They have taken a house in the village as perhaps some one has written. Father and Mother have just returned from meeting a little while ago. They had a very solemn meeting they said. Mr. B. [illegible] preached.

Six stand in the society [illegible]

time. Last night 3 new ones staid. O, for more earnest faith in prayer that we may see all those who from time to time manifest so much feeling, truly giving their hearts to Christ, and that those who still remain hardened ~~not~~ may hear and listen to a word from God, and turn unto him.

John Hughes, (Careful) died last night about 12 o'clock. ~~His~~ The funeral is to be held in Capel [illegible] to-morrow starting from the house at 12. Father is to preach. Father went to see him yesterday afternoon. He was very low then. Father asked him if he felt pain and one or two other questions, and received no answer, but when he asked him if Jesus was precious, he answered immediately, "O, yes." The youngest child of Rev. Hugh Williams, Prospect, is to be buried to-morrow. —

Eliza Jones died a short time ago. She was brought up by John R. Thomas. It is late, so please excuse me. We want very much to hear from you. I believe it is over a fortnight since we last heard from you.

Cynthia.

Ravenna, Dec. [illegible], 1857.

My dear Anna

It is quite too bad that you should be so neglected by your other sisters that I should be obliged to write you a letter, to save you from despondency. If [illegible] had not been in [illegible] all the time of late, she would probably have written, [illegible] long [illegible] this. She returned with mother and me last Wednesday. The fatigue and grief that she had endured have made made her sick. [illegible] came home Thursday eve. She is now much better than when she was home before. We are very glad to have her with us again, as you will readily believe.

Oh Anna, our poor dear boy, is he indeed left us. As you have received the [illegible] letter. I cannot make it seem that it is all [illegible] I saw her gentle form [illegible]

still and cold in death, though I stood beside
her open grave and with a shudder heard
the rattling away of the earth to strike the
lid to drown — the loosening of the last
cords which bound her to her fellow-crea-
tures in this lower earth. But her spirit
still is knit with ours, even more closely
than when she was with us in health
perhaps, for we have had reason to hope
that during her illness she learned to love
our precious Saviour. O Anna, how
can we mourn for her, when we can
hope that she has gone to live in Heaven.
Aunt Fanny was quite poorly when
we left Utica, but was a good deal better
than she had been before since Lizzie
died. — Jennie excited our commiseration
for you greatly by her account of your
forlorn appearance on Thanksgiving
day. Oh how I do wish I could be with
you next time. It does seem, as father
wrote too much for [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] me to yourself, but she may
be assured that I have thought often and
gratefully of her kind offer, if I have
neglected to write my thanks. Thank
her very, very much for me, etc. for her
letter, I will not answer it before I am, but

when you had been waiting so long, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] till. I thought
you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
have not quite made up their minds [illegible]
[illegible] to come there, nor yours [illegible]
made up their minds to [illegible] [illegible]
go. How soon would it be necessary
for me to start, and do you suppose
I could go alone? Could you write me
something about where I would have to
change cars, and how long would it take
one if I travelled without stopping? Would
it be well for me to get a rail-road guide?
Remember it is not yet decided that I shall
go, but the time is so short, I thought it
best to ask these questions now on my
own responsibility. A son of William
Williams, [illegible] [illegible], talks of going to
Galesburg, but I do not know how soon.
If I could go with him I should like it.
Do you know whether or not when any
one purchases a "through ticket" for a
good long way they have to get their
baggage checked more than once or is
the ticket enough? What I want to know is
if I get a ticket at Utica that would take
me to Chicago, could I get my trunk checked
at Utica, and then not have to see to it till I

reached Chicago. Good night

Tom. Frank Amelia told me some time ago that she had answered your letter a good while ago, and had not heard from you since. She sends love and [illegible] you to write. Ellen, the same,

Cynthia.

My Dear Emma

I am very sorry you are so homesick, but not sorry you think much of your home and old friends for we think much and often of you both and wish to know how you are and how you get along, If you are yet very homesick would it not be best for you to come home you have staid longer than that lady who only staid two days your Father will send you money to pay your way home if you say so

could you come home alone Please write again let us know
accept much love from yr Mother

Trenton Dec. [illegible]

My dear Anna"

It is with [illegible] that you should [illegible] your other sister that [illegible] be obliged to write you a letter [illegible] your [illegible] disappointment. If Mary had not been so ill [illegible] of late, she would [illegible] have [illegible] to you long ere this. She returned with mother and me last Wednesday. The fatigue and grief that she has endured have made her sick. She came home Thursday [illegible] is [illegible] better than when she was here before. We are very glad to have her with us again, as you will readily believe.

O Anna, our [illegible] has indeed left us, as you have [illegible] father [illegible] it so, although [illegible] possible [illegible]

[illegible] depress you. The fault

quite discouraged because you have not yet

been fully answering to your wishes. Why is

this feeling? Quimpffa [illegible] sensitive as seems to

you almost troubled? If it is not partly your

[illegible] to [illegible], and [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible], →as [illegible]

But I [illegible] not intend to write you a lecture

of perseverance. You are not much lacking in

that if you [illegible]

[illegible] should [illegible]

things to cheer you. I am [illegible] of

sympathy. — [illegible] becoming more and more

convinced that I know but very little, and

sometimes, when I have failed to accomplish as

much as I expected, I [illegible] as though I had

learned but very little. I do not know whether or not the knowledge of no kind of knowledge is more useful to me now, than any other. Knowledge that costs something is worth more than that which is acquired with ease, is it not?

When Lizzie found I was writing to mama, she said, "give her my love and [illegible]." Then she wanted to send her love. Mr. Butler, Elizabeth, Johnnie and Mary also send theirs. Lizzie says she would like to see you and Jennie. There is a lecture to be this evening, in the church. I do not think I shall go, as I have a composition to write. We have to write every week. They have prayers here at half past four in the afternoon. I have been excused from attending excepting once a week, (Thursdays, it is to be after this) when the ladies' classes,

in composition meet. I can go whenever
I chose, though [illegible]
tion. Mary is going to send you a Report,
and you can see by that, how large a
number of students we have this term.
When I see them all together, at prayers
I cannot help wondering where they
all find room to stay in this little vil-
lage. A great many take rooms in [illegible]
houses, two or three together, and board
themselves; others board in families, and
some form a club, buy their provisions
in company, and each pay so much a
week (25 [illegible] week, I believe) for cooking
for them. They are intending to erect a
new building soon for ladies, with
boarding hall and private rooms &c.
We were glad to hear of your interesting
prayer meetings &c. Jennie says, "Pray the
Lord that we may have a blessing." I will try to [illegible]

for your dear sisters, but I have so many wandering thoughts in prayer often, that I am afraid God cannot hear me. I feel at times very <u>much</u> distressed because I do not feel that nearness to God in prayer that I have felt, and because my thoughts are so often occupied with self, to the exclusion of worthier objects. O, Anna, pray God, that in his abundant mercy he will not suffer the many new and engrossing subjects that now crowd upon my attention, to wean my heart from him. — There is much religious interest here, both in the school, and among christians in the place generally. Some, we trust, are seeking Jesus. O, that many, that all, would seek and find him.

God is doing much for us, as a people, now. How we ought to strive to serve him. Does it not seem ... in ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~, the <u>ladies</u> [illegible]

Wednesday morn.

Dear Sister;

The looked for Wednesday has arrived, and at this early hour I shall begin to fulfil my promise hoping to complete it at longest before "night's dim shades again involve the sky." Were you here now Anna, we would be so happy, but all we can now do is to "think of all the fun, thou didst make for us, sweet dove". It is pleasant to have even that to think of this rainy day.

O, "The day is cold and dark and drery. It rains, and the winds seem never weary, The vine still clings to the mouldring wall. At every gust the dead leaves fall. And the day is dark and dreary." Indeed it is so dark that I can hardly see how to form the letters in this corner. I guess I shall be obliged to move nearer the window. Now Anna, I can write much easier, for even now a little light looks in at the window and it makes me feel a little more cheerful just in proportion as the light

is stronger here than it was where I was before.
Light will not bring the [illegible] I find, and as I can write but little without its help, this must be short or filled with nonsense, for to write that I need no help from any one. It is perfectly natural, or if it is not so, I have so long practiced it, that it comes very easy for me. —
Anna have you written a composition yet, and if you have, what what was the subject, and how long was it?
O, Anna have you become acquainted with a girl whose name begins with C yet? If you do remember what I told you.
Have you been with Henry to see that bear, and don't you think it is a queer looking animal? —
Father has gone to Holland Patent to-day to attend a funeral.
I am afraid he will take cold by being out in the rain.
He was absent last Sabbath also, at a funeral. He and Mother went to Newport in the morning to attend the funeral of Mr Thomas an old gentleman nearly 85 years old. The man that father staid with when the cholera was in Utica. They staid at Prospect Sunday night. Mr E. Morris preached at our church in the morning. Ellen Evans was here Sunday noon
Have you seen little Mary Humphrey or her sister? Margaret and her sister Mary were here yesterday. Margaret said that she found Lizzie's letter, and sent it down after you. Have you received it.

Mrs. Roberts was some more comfortable yesterday. Mrs. Thomas is failing. The doctor says she cannot live. Laura is a good deal better. she rode out Monday.

Letitia has not come up yet and we have not heard anything from her since you left. Have you made your lace under sleeves or the other ones? — Sister Sarah is about the same as she was when you were home. She has not had any chill since you went away. Have you seen anything of them there. Margaret brought her some almond candy yesterday. She says she fancies it does not disappear quite as fast as it did when you were here. She is going to sit up now. Mother and Sarah send love to you all.

remember Sis.

[illegible]. [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

I write in the midst of talking, so my letter will be a queer one I fear. We arrived here yesterday afternoon safe and sound. We were met at the depot by Miss Northrup and her brother and welcomed very kindly by them, and by the family [illegible]. Miss Northrup's younger sister [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are at school now. I think each of the family with the exception perhaps of the two [illegible] have inquired for my sister [illegible] she visited here once. [illegible] wishes to be kindly remembered to our people, particularly to Anna, and says she is very sorry you were [illegible]

visit her at present, but hopes you
will do so next summer. Then she
expects Miss Sweetland here.

The little that I saw of the country
here as I rode from the depot looked
very new to me, not at all home-like,
as new scenes sometimes do.

I have really ~~[illegible]~~ nothing to write
but to say that we love you much
and want to hear. We will enjoy our
visit well I think, but I am almost
impatient to be at home. I was very
glad to have the opportunity to make
this visit, but was troubled somewhat
with the feeling that I was taking your
place. Miss Northrup's sister and her
husband are expected home on Sat.

Her brother Edwin returned yesterday
from Cazenovia where he has been
attending school. Her brother James,
a good deal older, is also at home.
These ~~six~~ with her two little sisters and
brother, parents, grandmother and herself

constitute the home family. [illegible]
basket looks quite natural, and the
[illegible] another of different form, very
pretty. What do you think of the sad
story Eddie has to tell of my carelessness.
I have quite resolved this time to do
as Ma has often enjoined, learn a
useful lesson. I have gained quite
fast since Jennie came down, have
not been in school since then. My
throat is entirely well, and my stomach
very nearly as strong as before, but that
is not very strong. Yet I am surprised
to find myself so well, and especially
able to eat so well to-day. I can satisfy
my hunger, and that is not a little
joy. I do hope your face has got well.
Dear child, I wish you might be very
strong and well. Jennie bought shoes,
gloves and flannel skirt in [illegible].
Be sure to write to us soon as you can
and please to come soon. I want to see
each one of you very much. Jennie found

[illegible] away when she got [illegible]
[illegible] gone to call on ~~Miss~~ Libbie Evans. She came to seek me and met me at the P. O. where I stopped on my way home. — Last ~~evening~~ night I did not succeed in resting very. The exceeding cold has affected me a little and my head aches so that I can hardly write sense.

We should like much to know how Eddie got home, and how you are getting along without _me_ in the office. When shall you want to see us. Do not set any Anna dear before you see me, and father, mother girls _all_ do not let her go inside of the office. I am enjoying my visit much better than I expected to and tonight I hope to sleep off all my head ache - I only wish you were here with me - The snow was all gone last week in this place and even now wagons suit the going better than sleighs

Cynthia & Jennie

Remsen, Dec. 13, 1861

Dear Anna

Yesterday I spent the forenoon in the Remsen Select School and came to the conclusion that it was quite an affair. The pupils number about 50, counting all, short and tall. I went in with Jennie Griffith and she introduced me to Mr. Jenkins, who I judged was the principal teacher. They had another, quite a young looking man, by the name of Collar. I asked Mr. Jenkins whether he intended to have music taught during the next term, and he said he had been trying to get a class ever since he opened his school that he had told his pupils that if a certain number wished to take lessons he would send to Utica for a piano, but I believe he said I had [illegible]

the exception down here [illegible] Write as soon as you can — Sis

manner, as he did not think he would
succeed. Miss Bacon then made no
inducements to him [illegible] connection
with the school, had been the school in
the idea [illegible]. He supposed at first
that I wished to take lessons, but as I explained
my wish for [illegible], stating that we had
heard of this [illegible] making an effort to
obtain pupils for you, he said that he [illegible]
would not wish to monopolize the school and
should think you might be able to form
a class, but if he had [illegible] in the
school he would feel under obligation
to give the [illegible] Bacon, as she had
offered a place for [illegible] their occasional
evening services, [illegible] a niece of
his [illegible] he had an occasion. I incident-
ally spoke of your thought of teaching drawing
and music, and he immediately said he
would like very much to have you teach
drawing in his school. He would allow
you the use of the room, and [illegible]
obtain but you could [illegible] pupils.

Mr. H. said he would aid you so he could be certain scholars, and there might get a number of 15 or 20. I do not the number would be [illegible] at first, but I think you might [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] remain longer than this winter, [illegible] to put the school in [illegible] [illegible]

Quite a number of young ladies from 15 to 18 years old will attend from places [illegible] village [illegible] [illegible] the rest [illegible] children, (none under 10) and several boys. Perhaps 4 or 5 more [illegible] [illegible] as old as Eddie. You would not find so pleasant [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] young ladies, [illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

it [illegible], if you think you would like [illegible]
and if you think we [illegible] speak immediately
[illegible] you [illegible] for
it [illegible] this [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible]
by [illegible]. I think he would try to
get a class for you, as of course, it would
help his school, and if the school continues
it might not have had opportunity [illegible] you.
Do you think you would like to get a place to
board for giving music lessons as you
spoke of. if you could not get more than
1 or 2 music scholars beside, and had a
class in drawing. I received your letter
with a few lines from [illegible]. I thought
might [illegible] and sent your [illegible] to
go this morn. The letter was taken
down to [illegible] this morning [illegible].
I think [illegible] is a little [illegible] to day,
It hurts her to eat and she has a sore
spot near the ear, and feels rather poorly.
It may prove to be only a cold. She
has been quite afraid of [illegible] since
Jennie and Mary came down. they're
both about well again. Jennie walked
with me to the village last evening, and
is quite well I believe, but she has been
only one side sick. Pa and Ma attended
Quarterly meeting at Prospect yesterday, and
[illegible] gone to the church meeting

Remsen, July 7, 1867

Dear Anna,

I am afraid you will be looking for another letter from home, so will try to write a few lines. How did you and the rest of the Romans spend the 4th? We had fire works, a velocipede race, and two speeches. One upon the day by Lawyer Buckingham, from Utica, at 10 o'clock in the A.M., and the other by Rev. R. Flint in the evening dedicating the new Hall. I.C. G.'s hall, over Owens and Griffith's store. Both meetings were held there. It is a very pleasant room, quite large. There was good singing by the Glee Club - members. J. L. T. & his sister, Charlie Griffiths and his brother and sister, and Libbie Roberts. There was also music on the organ, bass-viol and two violins by Charley and Wm. G., Mr Dodge from Prospect and Griffith Jones, all playing at once and keeping perfect time, it was very pretty.

Eddie enjoyed it all very much, but was specially interested in the fireworks. Mary Evans is here again sewing. Jennie went for her this morning taking Eddie along. She is going to make alice dresses for Jennie and S. Sarah's suit (scotch plaid and over skirt) was finished Saturday. She wore it to the celebration. It is very pretty indeed. Our machine works nicely. Yesterday afternoon Sarah and I went to see Rich'd Trelease. He is some better, but very feeble. The Dr. says he must not go out for some time. They fear his lungs are affected. He was very glad to see us. Jennie sent him a bowl of jelly. We stopped at J. R. G. on our return. Had a very pleasant call. Stopped at Ty Coch, and found the house locked. When we got home we found that the children had picked nearly a pail full of strawberries on their way home from school. Robbie was so proud of them that he made Grandma

promise not to tell about them, but as we were going past his door to bed called, and told us in great glee. They had not brought any home but once before, enough for tea. Mother and Jennie canned 2 qts. of garden strawberries which Mrs. Esther Williams gave mother in Deerfield. Father and mother were quite tired after their journey, the extra ride to Utica tired them a good deal, but they are getting rested, talk of going to see John T. Davis to-day. We heard that he went yesterday to see his sister Jennie the first time he had been out.

We have got Eddie a pair of rubbers and we got him some boots in Utica which he is delighted with. He thinks his old ones look like little baby boots beside them, and says they (the old ones) are too small, "indeed truly, Auntie".

I am sorry to write so hurriedly, but have something else which I think I must do

this afternoon, and will not have a great deal of time for it. Mary Ann was home with her baby yesterday. She is going to stay some time. She looks well, makes a pretty young mother. All the other babies and their mammas are doing well. We have not heard again from Mary's letter, but ma saw Ellis Howell's wife in Utica, she says do not worry about Mary she is doing well and is very successful. The Ellis had a very sick time with the erysipelas a year ago and was threatened with the same this summer, but Mary gave him something which entirely cured him at once. She expects to have the care of another sick lady before she comes home, some one in New York city. I hope she will do as well as she did with Lizzie. We had a letter from John a few days ago. He is well, says they are having some of the finest new potatoes he ever saw the Early Goodrich, and that green peas are just out of date. I must stop good bye, love to all

Cynthia. We are very glad the Dr. talks more encouragingly. eat all you can and grow strong against I come there. When had I better come?

K[ensington], July 22/69

Dear Sister Emma

Eddie and Sarah reached home last evening safely and comfortably. They got an opportunity to ride home. Jennie and Robbie and I went down to the village intending to attend a festival which the English S. S. were to hold but as it was raining and Eddie and Sarah did not care to ~~come~~ stay, we all concluded to come home. Eddie stayed till after three this P. M. then I went with him to the village where we made several calls. He went up on the evening train.

I was very much pleased to hear Sarah's report of you. I think you did bravely to call over to Mr. Harris in the evening. So you think you can venture to come home. You do not

Tell Mrs. Evans that I got along first rate with that having, I am very glad I bought it, it looks very nicely, they are so much larger than ours. I have taken them up stairs and put them out on the top of the office, things grow beautifully there. I hope Mrs. Evans walk with me to the depot did not make her sick. I was very glad to have her with me. Give my love to her and to Mr. Evans and Mary. I enjoyed my visit there very much; I tell you I thought I felt [illegible] [illegible] then but I did not. Sarah.

know how glad we will be to see you. I will try to be in time on ~~Mon. or~~ Tues. or Wednes. of next week, unless you write that you would rather stay a little longer. Mother is fearful that we will not have such good table fare as you get there, as our potatoes, peas &c. have not come yet. She wonders if you had not better stay a little longer on that account. But we will talk that over when we see you. We have a good codfish some lettuce and radishes, and pickles. Do you think you can get fat on them? Mary Evans came again to-day. She is making over a dress for Jennie. Ellen D. Griffiths came here yesterday She and Kate and Sarah went over to see Mrs. Hugh Jones this afternoon. She is going down to John's to-morrow or the next day. You and I must try to make that visit at cousin Alick's and cousin Mary's some time. Then some other time we

I went yesterday to look at the potatoes and found them much better

must go to see Eddie, mustn't we ...

There was a funeral in our church on the day S. and E. were in Rome, a little child of Jonathan Owens (John Owens son) Father preached from the words "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." I wish you could have heard the sermon. It was beautiful. I called a few minutes this afternoon to see Mary Jane. She is quite out of health. Young Dr Gillette was there. There seems to be some trouble with the spine, irritation and sensitiveness. She does not look very sick, but is not able to go out.

I saw Seymore Jones' wife at going Hugh Thomas' to day. Her husband has been west and seen her brother and Isabel and Lucy Montague and their Mother. Wallie is not with them now. He says Lucy is just the one for western life. She makes the best of

I went out yesterday to look at the potatoes and found them much better than we expected. We shall have as many as we want now. The green peas will be ready next week and there are plenty of potatoes. I am so glad you are coming home. I hope you are getting on pretty well.

everything, enjoys the wildness of it, and understands first-rate how to dispense with conveniences. She is a splendid hand to ride horse-back, almost their only way of travel.
Mrs Montague does not like it so well as they are far from a village, and miss the church privileges very much. I heard through Miss Ellen that Isabel was getting very homesick. We had a rainy morning but this afternoon has been very pleasant. Robbie Henry saw the sunshine this afternoon and came home about two o-clock or so to work in the hay. Isn't he a careful farmer. Little Callie is growing very sweet if indeed she can be any sweeter than she always was. Did Sarah tell you that little Lydia [illegible] was here the day she went to see you, and wanted us to tell Anna that she remembered her yet? Katie is going home to-morrow to stay while her aunt and cousins remain. They came this week. They are from St. Louis. I think I must go down and help visit or see; so good night — much love to all

& kiss from
Sister Cynthia

Tell Mrs. Emma that I get along first rate with that business; I am very glad

Remsen, Fri. morn. June 18.

Dear Sister Anna,

After I read Jennie's letter, I was almost sorry that I had left you so soon. I hope you were not quite sorry, and that you get along nicely. Awhile after I entered the cars, I decided that if the train stopped in Whitesboro I would get out and stay till the next day with Annie - but they went whirling by, although they did stop at Oriskany. Miss and Mrs. Dowd were on the cars, on their way to Turin. I was quietly talking with Miss Dowd, and waiting for 5 o'clock to come, when I spied Jennie and Jim Powel in the other end of the depot. Mr. Powel had charge of a basket containing our sewing machine. Jennie fell in with them on board the B. R. cars and they were both looking out for me, so I was glad I had not stopped with Annie Ellis. Jennie had just arrived, and said

she would have gone up to see you if she had not found me in Utica. Mr. S. carried our machine up to Buckingham and Ketchum's where we had it repaired, and all the improvements put in. We staid at cousin Mary's that night, went with her and Sarah to the Westminster church to witness a marriage ceremony, then spent the evening at Alick's. We travelled around the city a good deal next day, saw the fire companies out, and came home on the 5 o clock train. Tommy brought the horse to carry us and our packages home. Jennie got her a bonnet in Utica, or rather had her black lace made up into one. She got nice thread lace, and beautiful flowers, pink and white. The lace was put on something like that on mine only it came lower under the chin with narrow pink velvet in place of the satin for heading and a little bunch of the pink velvet at the bottom where the lace joined, (or rather was it separated.) ...

Ma says she is sorry you are troubling with the thought of walking to the Dr.'s that it is too far for you think of it. Pa says "I am glad she has gone and hope it will do her good". and ma adds "yes, I hope it will."

We had a letter from Mary last night with a note from Charlie begging for a copy of those lines Sarah wrote for him. He closes his letter with sending "love to Anna, and all the rest". Mary has gone to stay with Lizzie so her address is 131 Johnson St. Brooklyn. She says she thinks our folks must be lonely without the girls (you and me) but adds "the change will certainly do them good, and the season is somewhat more advanced there, and it will be easier for Anna to get something to tempt her appetite". Mary is quite well. Cousins Mary and Sarah both want you to come and make them a visit. they invited me too. Sarah says if we would come there on the cars and stay awhile

firs. Mick could any time take us up to Mary's. How do you and Mary get along nights? I was sorry she and Mr. E. had such a wet walk to the depot on my account. It did not rain after I reached Utica only in the night.

I must stop Robbie is going to take this to the P.O before he goes to school. Sarah did not get up to breakfast to day, but is feeling pretty comfortable, she was very glad to see us come home. She went with father in the carriage to the Baptist meeting yesterday afternoon Alfred was expected, but did not come.

Good bye much love from all to yourself and all the rest

Cynthia

M. L'HOMMEDIEU,

Sup't. of School for A. M. Association,

Norfolk, Va., January 3, 1870 –

Anna, my dear

Your letter and Mary's was received yesterday. It was like a sweet cordial tho. my spirit was far from fainting. It was a great surprise to see Mary's date from home. Wouldn't it be agreeable if I could spend a week there too? But I am very happy here. I came home from school with Mrs. L. and as you see she has furnished me with pen and paper so that we may spend a little more time together for I thought I ought to go home and write. She tells me to say that I am in the room of my truest friend outside our own family. Be that so or not, she is truly a dear affectionate child whom I love right well as the southern phrase runs.

We feel like spending our moments together while we may for the Association fears it will have to withdraw us from Norfolk. There has been a very great outlay of money and labor here in years past, and all just minds feel that it is high time the city awoke to its duty and interest sufficiently to help support the colored schools. This has been confidently expected. A bill has been before the city counsel pledging ~~to that effect~~ a certain sum for that purpose. It has almost passed again and again only to fail through the influence of a powerful rebel. Next Tues. evening will decide the question. The A. M. A. opened schools here in full faith that the city would help support them. They do not feel justified in continuing them without such support when the city is so well able to give it and such a start has already been given to the cause of education here, while many more fields is

needy have had no teachers. Mr. and Mrs. H. will probably remain here however the scales turn as they intend to locate south. They will withdraw from the A. M. A. and try no doubt some missionary effort outside. He will get some situation to help them live. Mrs. H. has weak lungs, and is much healthier than while living north. Mrs. R. and I are quite well, and think we will consent to go wherever the officers wish to send us which will probably be to Florida. We had a letter from New York to that effect Saturday last. Send letters to me here till directed otherwise, please.

"My times are in thy hand" those words keep running through my mind. Sarah dear, is it asking too much that you will send me a copy of the lines you wrote on that text. Send me some other pieces too, please, after you learn where my feet are going to rest. I will

take care of them and preserve a copy. I came across your piece about Tatting in the lodge - in pencil marks. I was glad to see it. So I was to see Jennie's loving wishes to [illegible] and Kate in [illegible]. How I should have enjoyed the Christmas tree if I could have been at home. Was it at our house or at Lewis? O, by the way, have my nephews and nieces all forgotten me. How I would prize letters from them. My congratulations to our good friends who are entering the holy bonds of matrimony. So that is the way Nellie Pugh stays at home and helps her mother! Has our Mary gone back to N. Y. From her letter I glean that she was to go to-day. If I go through N. Y. to Florida I may see her. Mrs. R. and I so earnestly hope that if we must leave here we can be sent together. We are warmly attached to each other. O, those boxes you sent are so cunning. If we are sent very suddenly I must leave Christmas tree stuff to [illegible]. If anything comes to me here after I leave our friends will forward or take care of it. Mrs. Mitchell wrote about sending some S. S. books - I will write to her if we leave. Good bye now. Those rose buds came from Ferry Point [illegible]

Anna, my dear,

I haven't heard the sound of your voice for many a day. Let's sit down in the corner and have a chat.

The Feb. no. of the Am. Missionary has just come, and I have read it all through, as I sometimes used to do at home, but with an added interest. I wish we might have read it together.

The first letter, you notice is from Mary Kildare. Her name is a household word among us, as last year she was one of the Norfolk teachers.

Often and often have I heard the inquiry among the colored people. "D. you know where Miss Kildare is. She is an Irish lady who came from Ireland 3 years ago purposely to teach the Freedmen, and is a warm enthusiast in the work. Mrs. Rodger speaks

the first time in 16 weeks. It made us all happy to welcome her. As I came from the S. S. this afternoon, I was perfectly astonished to catch sight ~~of~~ of her face through the dining room door, and I could not refrain from entering, hat on my head, to see if it was really herself seated at the dinner table. We are a little late to dinner Sundays but it is set in the oven for us. Good night — good night, a kiss, please for Cynthia.

very lovingly of her. In the "Life Pictures" page 30 we recognize scenes very similar to some we have seen.

Sect'y Strieby's interesting account of his tour in the South, makes us wish he could have taken us in his way. Did I tell you how kindly his greeting was to the "Welsh girls" when Mary and I stopped at the rooms. (I have looked each month, thus far in vain, for a notice of contributions from some of the Welsh churches.) "The Chinese on the Pacific coast," and indeed all the articles under the head "Foreign" are very interesting, dont you think so, and the little scraps in "Children Department." Well, we have talked the Am. Mis. over, now what next.?

I have spent the day by invitation with Mrs. L. who is not feeling very well. We were so uncertain about our stay here about holiday time that we hadn't much heart to complete

preparations for the Christmas tree. Now we think we will have it after a little, as a sort of reward for good behavior and effort in study. To-day I carried over the things I had. The beautiful books were admired much and Mrs. L'Hommedieu took a special fancy to the bows you made. I spent my time making pin-flats, finishing the 26th. We put all the little things each had prepared in the top of a trunk Mrs. L. had stowed away in a store room. Last Sunday evening we listened to a native of Jerusalem, a Greek, who gave an undecorated picture of the frightful persecutions of Eastern Christians. I shall not try to repaint it here, for I should *fail*, and if I didn't you would faint.

Does sister Mate ever write to you? I have had no letter from her yet.

Sunday night. I have spent a pleasant and I trust not wholly unprofitable day, and as night has come upon us I come for another word or two and a good night kiss. My Bible class interests me more and more, so does my class of boys in the Baptist S.S. which now that the hour of our other school is changed I am able to take charge of regularly. Beside S. schools to day I have been twice to church, once in the Tabernacle (the Union M.E. church) and this evening into the Pres. church to hear Dr. Armstrong, the one whom Gen. Butler condemned to sweep the streets for spitting out the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government. His text was about God opening Lydia's heart to attend to the things spoken of by Paul; from which he inferred and simply, practically set forth the needed agency of the Holy Spirit in man's conversion. He did not neglect to speak of the Father's willingness to send this "other Comforter" to those stricken hearts who sought his aid. I like to attend his church. I do not know whether as northerners we are welcome to all or not, but there is always room for us. The only uncomfortable thing about it being the poor ventilation - a fault noticeable in Southern buildings generally - a fault which is not felt I am glad to say either in our boarding house or school rooms. Mrs. Vance, who has been suffering ever since I have been here with dreadful gatherings in her limbs is so improved as to have been able to come down stairs to day for

Cyprian to Anna 1870

Yesterday Mary and I went to Greenpoint to visit Rev. Mr. Roberts and family. The weather was shameful, but we had a delightful time in spite of it. I have quite fallen in love with Mrs. R. She is cheerful, hearty, healthy, lady-like, intelligent and social, with round full form, rosy cheeks, and quick movements. She walks as though it was no trouble at all to step along, and converses as readily. I received a cordial invitation to visit them often, to come over any time I felt disposed to step a little way out of the city. We had a pleasant ferry ride to reach there, which cost us only 4 cts. each. Wont you ask Jane to find out from Mary how is her.

Dear Anna, I have just come across this little scrap which I supposed had gone in my last letter to you. That must have seemed to end abruptly.

the Vincent girls names, and, if she can, their addresses. I think they live in Green Point, and I would give a good deal to find them. Do you remember the name of the Uncle Sibbie lived with, before she married. I received good full letters from Maggie and Omie a few days ago, which must be more than noticed soon. I wish you were here with us. I would like to help you with some little fussing at bed time again. Tell us how you are feeling. We saw the notice of Eddie's precious little gem in the Ev. How is Sarah, and how does Jennie prosper, I am almost homesick, but I think Mary is relieving me so much that I don't like to leave her just yet. My back is pretty weak still, but is growing stronger. I want to see father and mother Lewis' folks and our "pet." My love to them all.

Cynthia.

New Hampton. Nov. 8, 1858.

Dear Eddie,

I wrote your name on this little piece of paper several days ago, and to night I believe I will write a few words more, although it is past children's bed-time. What *are* you doing at home to-night, I wonder. The images of you all seem so vivid, that I have really taken comfort in thinking of you, but I should take more if

me was only well. — I wish
you would write to me
some day, Eddie and tell
me all about the things that
happen, even to the time
you got up, and the days of
eggs you brought in, and
whether you carried them
safely in your hat, or broke
them in your jacket. I will
promise to be entertained at
least a dozen times over, by
remembering these little things
if you write them. Do you
ever swing now-a-days, or are

you getting to old and busy for such things? Lithie is going to teach in our district this winter, and do you think of going? What kind of a school is there in the village? I expect you are having great times about Election now I am glad the prospect of the Empire State is so good. — When have you heard from John, and Eddie, have you written to him yet?

Give my love to Aunt Sarah Does her eye trouble her now?

Ask Georgy if he will not write to me. I enjoy myself very much here, but many, <u>many</u> times have I wished you were with me. It makes me feel almost badly sometimes to think how you will alter before I see you. I hope you are growing better and wiser, more like Jesus. O how pleasant to think God takes care of all our friends when we are far away from them. He is always near. Please write to me, Eddie, soon.

<u>Sis.</u>

Whitestown, Jan. 18. 1861

Dear Anna

I am staying at the Sem. with my room-mate to-night, and so find a nice quiet opportunity to write, such a seldom offers itself, and finds me at leisure. If you please, I will give you a history of to-day. I rose about 8, gave my little birds food and drink, then ate a hurried breakfast and hastened to the Sem. I found I was earlier than usual, so that I had a few minutes to spend in my room before the bell rang for prayers. I had a little bit of sewing to do which just took up that time. After the ladies were excused from Chapel, those of us who are in the Rhetoric class (about 7 or 8) stood in the hall pretending to study, while the

Share your labours. How dear Jennie is perfect. I must write her another letter soon. She says I was owing her two, and it does not seem right at all to receive no letter from her for so long a time. Give my love to her and to Sarah. Tell them to keep up good courage. I hope Sarah will find her boils really will prove to be "healthy things". Is Auntie pretty well? Give my love to her. Eddie saw Samuel and Jennie in Singing school Thursday. They were all well. Give much warm love to Pa and Ma, to Lewis and little ones, John, Margaret and children, Jollie, Kisses to Cat Bird, all

[illegible] your sister

gentlemen passed out, last of whom, came our teacher, who ^Miss Goodenow unfastening the Library door let us all enter. A pleasant half hour was spent in that recitation, and the next in looking over my Astronomy lesson. At 10 came the recitation in Astronomy. Our lesson for to day was about Venus. When that was over I returned to my room to prepare my Reading lesson. At 11 I went over to the Mathematical=room to the reading exercises, which usually occupy about 3/4 of an hour. The time then remaining before 12 I spent over some book or other. I don't know but I tried to study two or three. At twelve I went up to dinner. After dinner Miss Ellis told me about a charming Sabbath=school book, which I ought to read, so I read about 20 minutes, and was just getting ready to come down when in came Eddie and David Price, so I had a little visit with them and a walk with Eddie to the Seminary, which is so lightly prized

privilege I assure you. We got home a little after half past ~~three~~ one, got our Grammar lessons, and both went at the same hour, but to different buildings to recite in Grammar. A little before 3 I came from the class, got my Rhetoric lesson and learnt my Astronomy, then copied a Composition. By the time I got through it had grown dark, and was very stormy so Miss Williams persuaded me to stay with her. The days I have described to-day are all my school days. Sometimes I am lazier in the morning and am so interrupted in the afternoon that I am obliged to study a little in the evening. I frequently go out evenings with Annie Ellis, or some one reads aloud at times, so that it is not easy to study or write. If it were not for others I would not wish to. It is very pleasant and agreeable to my health not to have to study evenings. Eddie is looking very well now, much better than when he first came down. I think he looks first rate

He went with me to the Presbyterian
church last Sabbath morning, and
accompanied me home from the meeting
at the Chapel in the evening. You must
count each moment spent in his company
as something very precious. I saw in his
letter to Sarah that he let you know
that I am to read my composition before
the whole school. We did not read last
Tuesday as Miss Brown did not have
time to correct all the Essays. Next
Tues. at half past six the exercises begin.
I think I will be about the 4th or 5th to
read, so about 7 o'clock please lend me
your sympathy. I received a note from
Mary yesterday, stating that she intended
to start home to-day, so I cannot see her
so soon as I expected. If it proves pleasant
to-morrow and the roads are not
too much filled Annie Ellis and
I intend to walk to Utica. I am sorry
Sarah is having such a hard time, and you
all have so much to do. I wish I could

[illegible] labours. Please dear [illegible] feel I must write her [illegible]

W. Whitestown. Jan. 24. '61

Brother

After leaving you on the street yesterday, I went directly to the Franklin House and inquired of a lady, if the York Mills' Stage had left, and was informed that some Stage had just gone. Seeing one standing a little way up St. I advanced to it, and found it to be the Whitestown one. Proceeding to the Central I saw the New Hartford Stage just starting, and learned that the York Mills Stage had not gone, although it was then time for it. I went into the sitting-room, and pretty soon saw what I was watching for driving up. I thought I would not be in haste, so I deliberately made my preparation to start, then as deliberately walked to the door. By the time

[illegible] had another attack of the Asthma? Are Bobbie and the baby well. I have been thinking a good deal of writing to Frances and Jane. Perhaps I shall succeed in doing so before long. Give my love to them, please, also to our Remsen cousins. Be careful not to take cold, and of course you will be if you follow mother's advice. — your sister — Sis.

It was without, however, I found the driver had been inelegant enough to make some haste, so that it was only by running on a few steps, and a desperate uplifting of my hand (which by the by held an apple and a nail), that I gained attention, and was taken "aboard." I gratefully sought a seat, determined not another time to stop for appearances. I saw many things of interest as we passed out of the city, queer trees, queerer houses, pretty children, homely children, some playing, some idling, all making wry faces at the cold, and nearly all, taking some little notice of us. The snow had crusted over the fields beautifully, and the bushes that had shaken off its flakes, and stood up black and bare, looked not unseemly. There were hills too, in the distance, whose mingled blue and white, I, of course, admired. But while taking note of all these things, thoughts of you, of Father, of the sick and well at home kept mingling with those called up by the scenery. A strange sadness

found its way into my heart, and I fear that with not a very cheery look, I alighted at Cousin Roberts. I had not been in the house long however, before little Eddie's merry pranks drove sad thoughts away. He and I were soon fast friends and at table he sat by me and did his best to entertain me.— The lecture in the evening I wish much you could have heard. When you are back again, I will tell you a good deal of it. It was so comical that I remember it pretty well. The subject was, "What a blind man saw in England."— I hope tomorrow I shall have a letter from home for I want much to hear. I hope you feel better and that Pa and Sarah are better. Miss Williams sends her love to you, and tells you to hurry and get well and come down again. I say, ditto. I attended the gentlemen's Exercises this evening, and it did not seem right to know that you were no where in the Chapel, that it would do me

me good to look around, for no Eddie could see. I was well pleased with the exercises. Mr. Bristin recited, "Old Abe of the West." and nearly all the exercises were decidedly political.
This has been an exceedingly stormy day. I am staying at the Sem. to night. The wind has somewhat subsided and the falling snow changed almost to rain. It is about 10, and I must haste to bed. Be sure, somebody, to write soon. If you want me home, let me know. They are pretty well at Fork Mills. Samuel looks quite smart. Give my love to all, not forgetting Auntie, Pa and Ma, and my youngest brother. Is Anna pretty well, and will she please pretty soon answer my letter. Mary may look for a reply to hers ere long, and the other girls after their's have been received.

Good night.
Cynthia.

Sarah's Room, February 18 1854

My far-off Brother,

We were rejoiced to receive your timely letter from Utica, and to hear that you were so well, but very sorry that you had missed the cars. I hope the ride in the night, (if you were obliged to ride then) did not hurt you ~~you~~ much. We are very anxious to hear how you arrived at the Glen, and what the "Doctor" said, and so forth. But I suppose we shall hear by Jhon before a letter will arrive. Cecilia received 2 letters from Lizzie Saturday, one from Scott the other from Skaneateles. She and all of us were very, very glad to get them.

Home, February 27. 1854.

Dear Brother;

We are waiting, waiting, and expecting a letter from you, and while thus waiting for and expecting a letter, I should love to spend the time conversing with you — I wrote you the day after Sarah received your letter and told you in that how glad we were to get it and so forth. We are now hoping to hear from you again certainly to-night. We feel anxious to hear, I hope you have written — I am anticipating happy times next summer — when you return home well — for I do hope you will be cured now. And, Kinsy, in after years, wherever we may be, we will find our thoughts will love to linger around those few months which we shall have spent together at home for they are probably the last that we shall spend here so many of us, Parents — and children together. —

Elizabeth has promised to come and stay with us a while before going east. She intends to come about the first of April. Perhaps you cannot be with us again as soon as that, but now

mind, Henry dear, for I will write to you often, and I hope you will enjoy yourself well where you are, with the prospect of getting well to cheer you. And if Lizzie is with you, you will have good company. Do you not find it so now? and as you get a little stronger, brother, don't you think we shall have a right to expect pretty frequent messages from you? I do.

We let the birds out in Sarah's room to day, and they appeared to enjoy it very much. Rosa was the first to come out, and walked around the proudest and seemingly the most independent of all. I caught her very easily though and put her back in the cage, but Leo and Hilas appeared determined to wait thier own time. After I hung Leo and Rosa up, they flew around the room for some time; first on the cage - then down in the corner under the chair, then surely we thought them caught, but no - out they came again and flew up on the cage, and around the top of the room - then down again under the chair, then out again and around the room - but they were finally obliged to surrender, and were caught and caged - and have been singing thier best this afternoon

Henry Everett,
Glen Haven.

"By Hum," Feb 14.

Brother dear,

I wrote you a letter (?) yesterday, and told all the news, but thinking perhaps you might not get that, I thought I would just write a little note and send it in Delilia's letter. I believe one of the girls promised to send you a note when they wrote to Lizzie. I did not see as any one was going to do so, and didn't know but that you might be disappointed in not receiving any thing — hence comes this. — ~~Aunt~~ Margaret has just been

in, and wants me to "remember her to you, and the little John R."
Mother is scattering some wedding cake crumbs over the table on which I am writing. If you were here, you might see it. I presume you would not eat any if we were to offer you some, so I shall not.
Father and Mother are going to Hon. Henry Owens to meeting to-night.
Eddie is taking a course of water treatment for a cold. He is a good deal better to-day, I think. Laura is going to pack him now.—
Sarah wants me to ask you

if you skate, or what you do for exercise. Now, Henry, when you write, do tell us just how you are, and what you do, and all about it! – how you feel and all. Sarah has not felt very smart to-day. She took some brandy a little while before dinner, and it was too strong. She wants to know if you know how that feels. – yours

Sissie –

June 1st, just when the strawberries begin to ripen

Dear Brother,

I presume you have often wondered why I did'nt write, and I wonder not at your wondering, for fair promises were made by me, in regard to writing that have not been fulfilled. I think I promised to write two letters in return for that scrap-book, and only one has yet been written. But you knew all that before, and what use is it to tell ~~it to tell~~ it again. — O, Henry, I have been out in the garden weeding a bed of carrots tonight. I guess I shall have to go out every night and weed a little to see if I can get the garden "thined out" a little. Henry, do you rise as early as you spoke of doing before you left and take a walk? If you do, where do you go, and what do you see? Have you found any ~~plant~~ that you had not seen before? I've found one flower in the woods adjoining yours. The flower somewhat resembles the flower of the wild mignionette, and the leaf looks a considerable like those leaves Jane had when her thumb was sore to put on it. Do you remember them?

Wednesday Afternoon. Lewis has just brought in some very nice strawberries. I wish you could have some. Have you had any this summer? Are you going to come up again to see us before the term closes? I wish you could come just once before vacation. How does our pretty little bird prosper Henry? Is it alive and doing well? Has it eaten all those eggs yet that you took down for it? Our old bird, and two young birds have been singing a good deal this after-noon. Does your bird sing any now? Sarah has given Margaret a pair of hers ~~[illegible]~~ We have got a new cage (about twice as large as the one you have got) and six little eggs since you were home last.

How were Johnny and Lizzie after riding down? Mr. Butts said you were boarding there when he was up. How long did you continue to board there.

Evening. I wonder if you have had much warmer weather than we have. It has been very warm yesterday and to-day. The thermometer was up to 82 degrees yesterday and nearly 81 to-day in Sarah's room. But it has been raining some, and is much cooler now that is, a little

O, Henry, I almost forgot to thank you for that letter you wrote Sarah in answer to mine. But somehow you didn't answer one of my questions, and I am

afraid you did not intend it for me when you wrote it, not until you had finished it. ~~Iwere~~ Don't be frightened now, I am not going to ask you to answer it again, for I did not expect an answer at all and I suppose it would hardly be just to expect a letter in return for this, but for the next one I write, now I not expect a sheet of paper filled with your writing, I shall, "any how". Do write soon, dear brother to some of us, and tell how you and your bird are.
Have you seen Jane or Robert since they were home: they were up last Saturday. I guess I must leave you to-night. I hope you will rest well and not get ~~worn~~ wearied. Sarah says she is about the same. Good night and don't forget me. Lis.

Evidently 1853

Home, Oct. 24.

My long-lost ~~&~~ Sister Jennie,

Or rather long-neglected I should say, I suppose. Allow fancy to roam whither she will, and she will doubtless soon find Steuben; you follow and see if you will recognize our home, through the fast-falling snow.

Thursday 27th My comunica~~x~~tion to you was cut short by the quick approach of the dark hour of night, and since then I ~~I~~ have not written any. Why, I hardly know. Is Mary with you, Jennie, if she is not, she is not with us. Perhaps she will be to-night. Mother says she does not wish to hinder her visit or help to you, but she does wish to see her home, and if she cannot arrange things so as to come this week, would like to know when she ~~could~~ can come. Will you tell us, Mary

O, Mary, you don't know how much we want to see you and Jennie and Robert too. It seems a long, long time since you were either of you home. The thoughts of seeing you and Robert seem necessarily to belong to the things that are past. If R. would only write I would be very glad. I would think then, that he had not quite forgotten me, or my unanswered letters either. Father is just starting, and I must say

your Sister Sissy

[illegible] Feb. 9. 1858.

My dear Sister,

Your kind cordial letter was received last Wednesday, and I have been very busy since. I hope you will excuse me for not answering it sooner. Again, dear Jennie, I thank you much, but I do not think I can do more. As mother I suppose wrote you we had decided, before receiving your last letter, to accept Elizabeth's offer. We did this in consideration of what you wrote before, and it did not seem best to reverse the decision, though I must say my heart leaned towards you, and if inclination alone had ruled, I do not know but I would have started for [illegible] to-day. Yet I am almost

surprised to find how easily I relinquish the idea of being with you, (yet it did not cost me no regret, I assure you.)
I have endeavored, sincerely, and earnestly to seek guidance in this. I have desired God to be with us all, and to help us to decide to do what he thought best, and I do feel as though he has done so. I know not what the issue will be, but I think I can cheerfully trust it in Jesus' hands. and truly I need I need not greater comfort than to be that to know that one so loving, so true, and so all-wise will rule my future destiny.

Mary and I intend to start for New Hampton to-morrow morning if the weather is not too unfavorable.

Good-night. Some time again I hope to write more. Give much love to Anna. Poor child, how I wish I could be with her. We have got the melodeon packed and taken to the village, and intend to send it soon by express. Good-bye my dear dear sisters. Your affectionate sister
Cynthia.

To Aunt Jennie

Remsen Thursday Feb 3. 18[illegible]

Dear Sister,

When you were home you said that I must not write to you, and perhaps I am not doing right in writing to you now, still I must venture to write one letter; and then if you answer this I shall know that you will be willing to receive another. But if not, I shall endeavor to get along without writing any more. Do you remember that book which you promised me if I should read it through I do not know, as I shall earn it or not. I have not read it through yet but intend to as soon as I get time. We are reading the Bible through in course, and I have got some behind, and that takes up about all the time I have to read, trying to catch up. I am writing in the school house, and the girls have just been dressing up the broomstick, and are carrying it around, bowing to every one in the room, and to a good many others, that perhaps with a handkerchief tied around their faces they imagine they see. Now the tall women has disappeared, and they are having a spelling school. They have been trying to get the teacher to have a spelling school, and have not succeeded, as yet. I do not know but there will be

one here to-night. We had a letter from Cousin Lizzie this morn-
-ing. She said that she had writen three letters to Sarah, one
to Mary, One to Margaret, and one or two (I dont remember which)
to you and had not received an answer to either of them. Dont
you think it is too bad? she said she supposed the fault was
either the post-officies, or at in her cousins. If you have
not writen to her, I hope you will for I am [illegible] she is
homesick. She said (that is Lizzie) that she had not had
a letter for two weeks before she received the one that Anne
and I wrote, and was homesick. She got one from Sarah Maria
the same day, which had been sent three or four days before
Tuesday eve. — On looking at Lizzies letter, after coming home
from school, I find that she has written two letters to you. If
you have received them, surely you can write her a letter, for
you know you said when you were home, that you could write
one to her, but could not to the rest of your friends. And now you
have began to teach, I should think you could write all the easier.
Oh Jennie! how do you like your school? I hope you like it well, and
get along well. I suppose you have not forgoten that poetry that
you used to repeat so often,
"Did you know my heart was broken? did you my fate was crossed?
Did you come to teach the mystery of regaining what is lost?"
I should really like to hear you say that over once more Jennie to
see if you could say it as feelingly as you could before you went
away. I know how to sympathize with you when you were writing that
letter, and we were invoking the muses Sarah and Ellen are doing their

best at it now, by scribbling some which [illegible] [illegible] Jennie, [illegible] thoughts have flown off somewhere, so that I cannot write hardly any-thing. We had a letter from Mary last Monday stating that she was well, but did not know what she was going to learn, or what her studies, or rather studies are to be. Don't you think my thoughts have [illegible] Mary said she found a good many of her old school-mates there, and perhaps she has written to you before this, and told you all about [illegible]. Oh Jennie! I have a "host of things", that I want to tell you, but They will not let me write any more to-night, so I must bid you good night, and go.

How do you feel this rainy morning Jennie? Well [illegible] We have had a good deal of rainy weather for two or three days past, which has taken away a large portion of our snow, so that we can see the ground in several places. But there is sufficient left to make quite good sleighing. — I want to see you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I don't know what to do,

"Have you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will you [illegible] send:
To cool the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

which is [illegible] by not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I think that a letter would somewhat alleviate it. So Jennie, will you not send one, as soon as you can. Send it to me, remember and not off [illegible] Washington or Boston, or somewhere else far from [illegible]. Tell Robert that he owes me a letter too, and that he had better free himself pretty soon, or else I fear he will have something that he won't much care for. I must close now, and finish a letter, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Mary. Good-bye — Sis [illegible] love to Robert.

S.) I Anna and Eddie are going to the village, to take this to the mail, and to see Maragaret and Sarah. Maragaret has been quite sick, perhaps Mary told you, but is some better now. Sarah Maria is pretty well now. Sister Sarah Anne is a good deal better than she was when Mary ~~XXX~~ left, she has had no tooth-ache for some time, and is a considerable ~~XXXX~~ stronger. She says she wants a letter very, very, very bad, she has not had one letter for over two weeks, I believe (now you will write to her, won't you? for I don't know what she will do if she is much longer without one.

Be sure not to forget that [illegible] have two sisters at [illegible] that want a letter from you and our brother very much.

your aff. Cynthia.

Dear Sister Jennie

Your last letter was pleasant and very welcome. I shall be glad to know that you have written to Ollie. I will try to write before very long. — Do you remember the work on Etymology we studied in your school in Remsen? I think there is a copy at home. I spoke to Mr. W. about it and he is very anxious to see it. I think it would be splendid for one of our rooms. I thought so last year, and meant to have brought it, but forgot. Will you try to find it and mail it to me immediately? Mr. W. has given me 25 cts. to pay postage on it; I will enclose stamps. I think there is a copy on one of the lower shelves

in the study: and I dont know but it is in the desk in the room where Thomas sleeps. If you can, I would like to have you enclose the pattern from which my red flannel sack was cut, and my little pin. My sack I do not care much about. You know I brought a white linen one We have been wearing muslins and light calicoes all along. Night before last the weather cooled. I have on my red dress to day for the first time. It is not cold, only cool enough to make us remember that winter is beginning to draw breath somewhere. Clara, the girl who takes care of the children says, "Miss Everett, you look too sweet in that red dress!" they like gay colors so well. I was glad to hear that Anna and Sarah had been about a little. I hope Anna is not growing too industrious

Day before yesterday we received an invitation to form part of a company who were going to make an unannounced

Major Corbin
visit at the house of a northerner, whose wife was formerly teacher among the freedmen. We had a fine time. There were about 40 present. The teacher's from Mr. Summer's school whom we have met three or four times were there. Miss Martin and I enjoyed two or three pleasant little talks with Mayor Pillsbury brother to Parker Pillsbury whom you met at Mrs. Dozear's. He came South as a Missionary 8 years ago. This is the first time we have been in any Charleston Society. All but two or three were Northerners. The Mayor particularly pleased us, his face had such a generous charitable expression. His wife was not present, but we hope to meet her sometime. Mr. Morris (editor of the Charleston Republican) and his wife went with us, also Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. L. has charge of several colored

Methodist-churches. They live only a very little way from us, and we love to call on them, both because they are so pleasant, and because their garden is so pleasant.

One of the teachers has been giving me some stamped envelopes prepared for the use of her brother in law while in N. H. He has since moved West, and she says he wants these used up. She gave me and Miss. M. each 7, and wouldn't let us pay her anything.

Miss Martin has asked me to send her thanks for your kind message, and give her love. Poor child, how she grieves for her father. I am sitting now holding her hand while she is weeping over his likeness. I thank Sarah ever so much for the lines she sent me. I read them to some of the teachers and they liked them very much.

Warm love to all from Cynthia.

Tuesday afternoon Dec

Dear Sister Jennie

Your visit of Friday night seemed almost as nothing, I saw you so little. The impression it left ~~on my~~ was more like that of a delightful dream, than a real pleasure. Anna was telling me the other day how she used to love to get letters from home when she was in Whitesboro. She says that always after receiving one, she would commence humming to herself, and would skip around the room so much quicker than usual, that Mrs. Butler was very likely to remark how happy she seemed, before she was aware what she was doing. So is the effect produced by anything so pleasant and trancient as your last visit was. Hardly knowing why we feel happier and more merry than before, and the most natural thing in the world for me, at least to do, would be to ~~sk~~ skip across the floor, singing, or, what is more in my way of business, ~~a~~ talking gayly, without

having any thing particular to say.

I can say truthfully, Jennie, that I am very glad that you and Robert came home that night. I enjoyed seeing you, and I like to think how you both looked as you were ready to start all muffled up in the cutter. I should like to know what made you stop so long by the gate. Did the cutter upset, or were you afraid that something might happen to the old House before you should ~~see~~ come home again. Perhaps you were afraid that it would burn up, and you wanted to get a long last look was that it. I hope that that ~~letter~~ shawl I tied around Roberts head, answered the purpose for which it was put there. not for beauty certainly but to ward off the cold air.

Lewis had a letter from the girls last night. Mary was better, and Sarah was very smart she had walked a good half mile in one day she said, and most of it at one time.

If you come up in the cars to Holland-Pattent be sure to write and tell us, so that we may meet you there. Perhaps Robert will bring you up again. He is allways welcome

and we should like, very much, to have him come. Tell him so, will you? and tell him that I love him as much as ever and would like right well to have him write to me. We are all pretty well. Lewis is much better. But you will be with us soon darling, I hope so it will be useless for me to write much now, besides it is almost dark, and although I am writing right in the window I can but just see the lines and that I do not keep on them at all well.
Much love to you and Robert from your sister

Lizzie

Ing. Hill Schoolhouse
Tues. noon

Dear Jennie

Do I not owe you a letter I wonder. I think it must be that I do, or else I would hear from you. To-morrow is the day our New Eng. friends proposed to start for home. I shall want to hear when they arrive safely there. I hope they will come up to see us, though I expect they will remain until after my school closes, so that I can visit [illegible] there. Thank you very much for that music, and for all the things you sent. Tell father and mother that Mary Ann was very much pleased with her hymn book. I can open my trunk without a key, by shaking the cover back and forth [illegible] Mary Ann [illegible] the dictionary.

My school still passes off very
pleasantly, and my health is good.
I saw Eddie for a few moments
Sat. evening. He was looking well,
and seemed in good spirits. Mr. Roberts'
people are all pretty well. I saw them
Sat. and Sunday night. I stayed with
Mary Jane Roberts. D. Mr. Roberts' youngest
sister is going to stay at home with her
father. W. T. Jones appeared to be very
anxious that father should come to see
him. Have you heard lately how
he is? The farmers around are
making the most of this good haying
weather. One of the little girls is running
around the school room so that my table
is joggled every now and then, and I think
my thoughts get joggled too for they are
not in much order in them. I have only
had one letter from home since I came
back. Isn't it most time for me to
have another? Love to every one.

Your sister [illegible]

Remsen, Feb. 18, 1861.

Dear sister;

It is not quite time for me to come in from the office, so I ran away from there in order to write you a few lines. You perhaps think it strange I have not done so sooner but you would not did you know how closely I've kept myself to my case this month. You know we did not get off last Gen. till the 4th and this month has but 28 days. Anna has not yet set any this month, still we are getting along finely. Lewis finished printing the first form this ~~morning~~ forenoon, and we have a good deal more than half of the next set. The prospect is that this number will not be beyond its time in coming out. So much for Gen. items.

Yesterday Woodchuck and Beauty each surprised us with a calf. Mother says we expect to have some veal from Woodchuck's donation and Beauty's we are going to keep - so much for being a little heifer. By the way the good folks about begin to talk of making us a Donation but it is not decided yet. It was spoken of in meeting last Thursday and J. R. Griffiths said that he thought it ought to be left to the minister to decide whether we have one or not. He for his part was in favor of it.

At that meeting they appointed Richard Pritchard, Glyn, and Wm. Thomas, Remsen (Shoemaker), Deacons in addition to those we had before. Every thing passed pleasantly. It was a great relief for father to have it over and with such kindly, Christian feelings. He had been very fearful in regard to it for some time. Three or four weeks ago was the first time determined on for these appointments but the elements were adverse and the storm king shut up the way.

Yesterday was a very wild blustering day and no one of us attempted to go to

church but Father, Anna and Mary just now a sleigh passed along the road by Lewis's men before it with shovels cutting a way for it. You I suppose, find the strong wind on those flats leaving little snow to drift.

Have you had any opportunity to trace it? If so you have discovered that I gave you the name of the last star in the handle of the Dipper instead of the one in the shoulder of Orion. As soon as you can you ought to trace the Whale as you cannot see all of it much longer, and the Dragon you will find easy and very pretty, tho' the last time I saw it the head was not all visible.

We had a letter from cousin Thomas Lewis some time ago but owing to our hoping to be able to go down soon we have neglected to answer it. He wrote to say that a lawyer from Osawatomie had just called at his store and that he would call again in about three weeks and would take charge

if any little parcel we wished to send to John. I would like to send nothing better than some dried rennets and a cheese-knife but I haven't got them and dont know how I can get them now. The knife might perhaps be got in Utica and if you or Eddie could find time to go down there soon and get some little toys for the children and some collars for John it would be better than nothing. If you can't go could you just drop a line to cousin Thos. to have him get something if nothing more than the last vol. of Macauleys History or some other interesting book and when we go down we will make it all right with him.

Sat. evening we had a letter from Sarah which I will copy and send in this if possible before John goes home -

We are sending youth... in this write next time what you how much such you need.

Utica, Dec. 15, 1864.

Dear Jennie & Eddie,

Your letters were received Mon. when Ottie an[d I] went up to cousin Thomas'. We were very glad to get them. and had we not been called to spend a good deal of our time in the streets, they would probably have been answered sooner.

I do not think I shall get me a dress at present. Prices are enormously high. Cousin Mary says Jennie may get a bonnet for $12. or $15. or more. Indeed I think you will have to pay a good deal more than you ever paid before for one, all

... you can't find my bonnet. It may be in the clothes press up stairs on the shelf or in a bandbox. I have an idea that I did it up in a paper and put in on some shelf, but whether up stairs or down I can't be sure.

bonnet stuffs and trimmings are very high. I feel anxious to know what Eddie has decided to do. and I want to see John and Frank for a little longer.

Ottie left us on her way to the Glen this morning. She intends to remain in Syracuse to-night, and perhaps over Sunday.

Uncle took her to the depot in his cutter, and I rode down with them. Hettie had gone down St. a little before, and she came to the depot in time to see Ottie off. after which she and I went into the city hall, for a little while, to look at the articles in the "Soldier's Fair." They were taking lunch and selling fancy articles.

I have not yet seen Annie. I tho't it best to stay at Uncle's a little after Ottie left. Uncle and Aunt have

been cordial and kind all the time. I do not think our visit has done any harm. Yesterday after-noon Ottie and I went to see Frank. As we came from Mary's We called at the factory and he went with us up to the house to see his baby and his wife. We staid about half an hour, then as it was growing dark, we came over to Uncle's. I have been looking for Jennie every day. I shall not start for home till I see or hear from you again, unless the time shall be long. I think I shall go up to Mr. Ellis' to-morrow I want to see Annie, now I am so near, though, I am getting very anxious to be helping you at home. I was not very well part of last week, or my help would not have been of much account, but I am much better now, better than when I came

down. I miss Ottie very much.
I wrote a note to cousin Mary Ann in the last letter she sent home. If I had Wm. Ann's address, I think I would write to him.
I have got the picture which John left to be copied at Bak[e]. The photographs had been sent the day before I called. Ottie sat for a picture, and they partly finished one for us to see. I thought they were good.

Cousin Mary is going to speak to Thomas about cloaks. They are high now. A lady was here to-day who had just purchased 3 yds. nice broadcloth for $6. per yd. I heard they have good ones ready made at Williams (I believe) for $20. If I knew they would be much less in the course of a few months, or a year, it would be worth while to wait, would it not?
How are you all? I want to see the baby and Robbie and all the children very much. I feel as though I ought to be at home to help you. Could I find anything to do? Are Father and mother better? How are the girls
Please let me hear soon.
Affectionately [illegible]

you - [illegible]

[illegible] Aug 27th 18[illegible]

Dear Jennie,

I received your note the day I had written mine, and right glad was I to get it, I assure you.

Jennie, has Rev. Hugh [illegible] any one sent Mrs. Roberts death [illegible] I suppose Mr. Williams will see about it, as he preached in her funeral. I spent last Sabbath at Morris [illegible] Kate, Hugh & I was visiting [illegible], Eddie came up to [illegible], and went with us home in the evening again. We only needed a few more of the Steuben boys and girls, and the [illegible] to make our pleasure complete. I am still having a very pleasant time. Things at school pass off much more pleasantly than they used to, and even when everything doesn't go very smooth I somehow [illegible]

I want to. Last Friday I said I would keep any who left a seat without permission, or made any unnecessary noise in their seats 5 minutes after school closed. Having been a good deal of irregularity in attendance ~~they had~~ got some few had got rather unruly. One of the larger girls spoke out loud, and had to remain. She was much vexed, and muttered that the afternoon recess would be the last of her at school. This was at noon, and as I was reading a story to those I kept, and talking to them, she put her fingers in her ears, I said a few words, perhaps too hasty and sarcastic to her then, and when dismissed she was quite vexed, but the same day a little before recess I asked her if she would like to help wash the school house floor if the boys carried water. She said. "Yes ma'am, Ellen an I will mop it, you mustn't; we won't let you". O every such little word of confidence and love, (and I hear a good many of them now) do me so

after school
this afternoon

much yet. I have been keeping two little boys
who were quite naughty, and then very noble,
because I kept them in at recess. They have
just gone. After they had staid awhile, almost
all the time laughing, for they felt so funny
they couldn't help it, I asked them what I
should tell my sister about them, if I
might say they were going to be better
boys to-morrow, "Yes ma'ame," was the answer
"That's right, said I, that's just what I want
to hear." Then I called them to me, and
with one on each side close to me, talked to
them till they got sobered down. We talked
about the hymn "I want to be an angel, and with
the angels stand," of the beautiful home of the
angels, and the fearful home of the wicked.
They both wanted to go to the angels' home, and
I told them we ought to try to live beautiful,
pure and holy lives, that Jesus saw us all
the time, and was always ready to help us
do right, and was always grieved when we
did wrong. I told them there were more
than three of us here in the room, and

taught them that little verse, "Thou God [illegible] seest me." They are about the age of Lillie and Carrie. But I am afraid I will tire you with my [illegible] talk. I fail to accomplish a great many things I want to do, but hope and pray I may influence some of these dear ones for good. Mr. Parsons told us yesterday that it was ours to scatter the seed, to sow beside all waters, to God's ~~to give~~ belonged the watering, the increase, the harvest. We do not always [illegible] this, but still labor in faith and hope, biding our time for the reward to come. Yours. I do not think I shall have time to write much more. I have got quite tired to-day. I want to hear again from home [illegible] Anna coming up. I think we could make it pleasant to her now.

Mr. Powell has been in Irwin Corners but not on the hill. I haven't seen him. I think of attending a S.S. meeting in [illegible] to-night. Erasmus Jones is expected to be one of the speakers. Love to all

Cynthia

Rome, Oct. 9th 1865.

Dear Sister Jennie

Your letter announcing Mary's arrival was duly received and we were glad to get it. Has that bear been caught yet. Anna is much better than she was when I wrote last. The Dr. did not think the increased pain in her head at all unfavorable. He said that there had been more irritation before but she did not feel it so acutely, that her system was getting so that she sensed the pain quicker.

Her head was better Wednesday, and continued improving till by to day, it is very well. A. has taken a good many short walks this week, and to day Miss Edwards, daughter of Gov. [illegible] [illegible] came for us and we went up and spent the day. The ride did

not tire Anna so much as the one
to Richard Jones and she stood it all
famously. She laid down as soon
as we reached there, and so got
nicely rested before dinner. Miss E. has
brought us home immediately after
tea. Anna found herself pretty
tired this evening, but is getting rested,
and I have no doubt will be better
for the visit. Miss. E. is very lively
and sociable, and we had a splendid
time. I think Anna is gaining nicely,
now they all say he has improved
a great deal within the last 2 or 3
weeks. Day before yesterday we went
out through Mr. Evans' barn door
into a lane and walked through
it till we could look up through
another almost to Mrs. Howes. It was
too near tea time to go there so we
returned, the going and coming
making as long a walk as to have
gone there, and one of these mornings

we intend to go over there to spend
the day. I have been over to the
Institute twice, but saw no one from
our neighborhood. [illegible] expect the
girls coming down. Hinkley made
us quite a call night before last.
Cousin Richard called the same
evening. His father and mother and
Libbie Evans had been up a evening
or two before.

Anna says, send my love to that little
bit of a baby and Lizzy adds and send
mine to Mary and the rest of them.
I hope you are all feeling pretty
well. What kind of a time did
father and mother have in [illegible].
Did they go to David [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. I think Anna ought to go to bed.
I enjoyed our visit to day very much
and feel a great deal better for it.
Write about the baby. We have found
the lock of its hair we thought was lost. Anna
thinks everything of it [illegible]
[illegible] thank [illegible] from [illegible]

Dear Jennie

I wish you were here for I want to ask you about several things. We want to get a beautiful frame for our wreath, but what shall it say for itself? There will be quite a large space in the center which should be partly filled in some way. Annie's, you know has in hers the words, "A wreath of friendship," written in German text. We ought to decide before long, for I presume the box, frame, and all fixings cannot be got under two or three days notice, for that reason we do not know as it will be best to leave it till you come down, as we have hitherto intended.

I have crocheted me a net and am now crocheting Annie one. We have a happy time, but often when I am at a loss for some employment I think of you busy ones at home. I wish I could help you. I think I never was anywhere where the younger members of the family, and I do not know but I might say all its members have so much leisure time as they do here. Annie has been very busy, however, yesterday and this morn, making her father a coat, while Maria did the machine work. Mr Ellis is going off on the [illegible] o'clock train. Ruth, Fannie and Jennie intend to attend school at the Sem next term. When does cousin Lizzie intend to return to Brooklyn, do you [illegible]?

Perhaps you will write us in your next what day you will come down, and Annie and I will meet you, frame and all, at Utica. Write if possible, immediately about what time you will probably come. I fear my presence alone is hardly genial enough to compensate to Davie for his not going to Kiernan as soon as he expected. He is not seeming well, neither does he seem sick, but he is sometimes very sober, and has but very little appetite. I want our friends to let me go home soon and take him along, but they will not hear to it; they seem bent on having you down first. We talk some of putting Davie on the cars at Utica, and writing you when he will come. He might wait some where till Eddie took the milk down; if one of the girls had not time to meet him at the depot and take him some where, perhaps

Many have inquired whether I was going to return next [illegible] but I may [illegible]
them nor get myself [illegible] I failed to do and I intended last [illegible]

it would do to ask Johnny Hughes to
take him up to Gwen's. — Now I remem-
ber it, Gwen gave me money to buy
her material for a stella shawl.
I have not yet found any suitable
and do not think I shall be able to.

Annie and I talk of going to Utica to-
morrow or next day, but we may not
till Friday. I will consult her ~~again~~
about the wreath, to see if she thinks
it will answer to leave it until
you come down. I hope Mary
will feel well enough to come
with you. Please, as soon as you
decide, write as definitely as you
can about coming down, so that
we will know what arrangement
If you and Mary would come, and so make it safe likely
here I think he would be quite well suited and I
to make about David. I proposed
it would be just as well for him to wait a week or two
having Fannie go up with him, &
I could not be released, but Mrs.
Ellis think two would be too
many at a time, and perhaps it
would. Annie does not talk as though

Many have inquired whether I was going to return next term, but I must
them nor get myself promised, and I failed to do as I intended last term

she or either of her sisters would go up to Remsen this summer. She commenced a letter to you yesterday but was obliged to leave it in order to find a coat for her Father. —— I have just been down to breakfast. I asked her what I should tell Jennie. and she says, tell her to come down. They cannot tell now what time Davie can go up, for some one must first go to Utica and get him a pair of pants. I think he would like to go alone or any way. He wants to see Eddie so much. If you could come down some time this week, then I could go up Tues. or Wednes. next week with him, and leave you for a longer visit. When I say you, I mean you and Mary—
We did not go to Rome on the 4th. It looked like rain, and in the afternoon it did rain, making us feel quite complacent about our discretion. We had a pleasant time, going to the woods, and setting table in the yard, formed part of the anticipated pleasures of the day, but neither could be on account of the rain but we had a bountiful board spread within, with green wreaths around the cake plates, and a red, white and blue boquet in the center of the frosted cake. We hear of victories in Gen. Meade's army. I noticed last night that the Union flag was floating down town. Do you think Lee will be captured? Annie thinks her cousin Tommie Griffith, brother in law to John D. Jones is engaged in the fight at Gettysburg &c. He was in the 14th, but having enlisted to fill up the ranks, had to remain 5 weeks after the regt. returned. He did not anticipate such a result, and was very much disappointed

I have crocheted one a net and am now crocheting of Annie, or s. Ollie has

Dec 11, Sun. afternoon

Dear Lida— This bit of very [illegible] [illegible] begin back in the time you had before. I don't remember where that ended, but you will be glad to see that after my last menstruation, (which ~~occurred~~ began just 4 weeks to the day before the beginning of previous one, and lasted 3 days) (not sufficiently for — not bad, either day) I have not had one of those [illegible] spells.

Some where in the first part of last week I took one of the [illegible] powders you [illegible] the one day after I had had one night of [illegible] and felt [illegible] nervous, as I had the other that day; I didn't feel any too well the next day, and took another, and had none that day — but twice when [illegible] [illegible] I was troubled badly with toothache, and tried [illegible] and [illegible] to relieve that. It lasted only a few days, but it was sometime, and it may [illegible] weakened, especially in nerves [illegible] yesterday I took one dose of pills. I went to church twice — I had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

having to be on the road at once a [illegible]
bed, [illegible] at parade and [illegible]
[illegible] being [illegible] as the I couldn't
have to stay home, and the one [illegible]
to preach me, and the preacher's prayer
and gentle words to comfort [illegible]
sometimes I had this morning the [illegible]
which he been threatening a good while,
[illegible] to the village [illegible]
[illegible] as they [illegible]
considered [illegible] unlike the others, [illegible] of
they [illegible] not bad. I dread getting [illegible]
them. When I feel so, [illegible]
[illegible] but I take some of the [illegible]
you [illegible] or [illegible] it [illegible] to be taken
like that before, [illegible]
I think in the [illegible] I am better than [illegible]
but don't feel my [illegible] weak, hope the [illegible] falls
may work off with tooth-ache and dreads an[d]
nervous feelings — your [illegible]
letter did no good, so did the one [illegible]
got a few days ago. ([illegible] I think) [illegible] to
you [illegible] goodbye [illegible]
[illegible] coming [illegible]
[illegible] very busy [illegible] with the home
work and everything [illegible]
decent — rather [illegible] than [illegible] to
some one else — [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] of high, [illegible]
and [illegible] pass [illegible]
the [illegible], I guess, [illegible]
[illegible] if you [illegible]
[illegible]
pair of [illegible], and my [illegible]

I think we will go to the [illegible]
[illegible], if we feel pretty well.
The people around are going to [illegible]
though of course they [illegible]
[illegible]. If you [illegible], and want
to take anything, you [illegible]
not make [illegible], [illegible]
they [illegible] enough [illegible]
[illegible] engaged. [illegible]
Mr. Humphrey's last night and
had a pleasant [illegible].

[illegible]

Norfolk, Nov. 24, [illegible]

Dear Sister [illegible]:

Your good letter [bearing] my first [illegible] home reached me as I [went] to the school house [illegible] as I entered the school room. [illegible] welcome it was. You ask how I spent thanksgiving. It was observed here generally. The practice I am told is [rather] recent in the south. I attend service in the Episcopal church. The Pres. church was not [open] [illegible]. We had a very plentiful dinner. Another teacher came that day. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to her. She is a widow [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] Co. She has a little son [illegible] at home with [illegible]. She came here the 2nd year after her husband died,

and has been here every Winter [illegible].
It is quite a trial for them to [illegible] but the
[illegible] this active work [illegible] [illegible], draws
her thoughts from the [illegible] of her husband
to whom she was evidently attached.

To-day Mrs. D'Hommedieu took entire charge
of the upper room, and I had charge of
the lower. We both succeeded nicely.
I suppose that it will sometimes be left
[illegible] when Mr. A. is on business away. He
is [illegible] of the normal school here and so
is Mr. Rogers and he organized a new
[illegible]. Last Sabbath we went, Mrs. Rogers and I, at half past
1 to a colored S.S. Each of us took a class.
We enjoyed it well. Mine was a class of
eleven boys, only 3 or 4 of whom could
read. Those who could read had books
containing the lesson, on which they
looked while we all went over it,
I reading four parts of sentences at a
time, ~~tile~~ and the whole class repeating
the words after me. Then I asked them
questions about what we had read

There seem always to be some in the class who have a pretty correct idea of the leading facts of the bible while others give answers droll enough. As a whole they are more completely in ignorance than I expected to find them. at day school

Mrs. H occasionally asks them what kind of government ours is some say a kingdom others an empire. She asks them if we are ruled by an emperor A few say yes but most think not "By a king then" is the next question A great many [illegible] answer yes, while a few seem doubtful. "So it is not a king! that doesn't seem quite right" and they are [illegible] till some one suddenly remembering exclaims "It is a president." Then she tells them we live in a republic &c, but the 2nd day and the 3rd they make the same [illegible] answers, but after a time they begin to remember. Whatever they forget they remember the name

of men who freed them, and many hands come up all over the room when they are asked how many of them remember Abraham Lincoln, and when asked how many [illegible] him how eagerly spring up the hands again and how the large earnest eyes do glisten. I am beginning to have quite an affection for my pupils. They daily grow more quiet and obedient. It seems all but a few are as [illegible] faces and some marked [illegible] looked nearly white to me, [illegible] hardly tell any little boy from [illegible] half a dozen more near his size, but [illegible] there quite as great [illegible] of feature and expression [illegible] among white children.

My roommate is growing sleepy, so I will close and write more [illegible] time. Love and a kiss to all whose last name is "Everett"

[illegible]

Christmas, 1869

Dear Brother & Sister

Your welcome letter came this morning — At first I thought it was an answer to the one I had just written, but a second thought convinced me that it could not have been received in time. It was a pleasant Christmas gift. The enclosed I was surprised to find remaining after I mailed my last.

This morning I had quite a talk with Mrs. Anderson, an old colored woman who has been a sort of teacher and prophetess among the slaves. She and her mother before her, had unbounded faith in the future emancipation of the slaves. Her grandmother was an indian woman, and so properly her children should not to be slaves at all, but they

people who engaged the
worked for them with the expecta
tion of payment at some future
time - Mrs. Anderson's father was
a slave but as the children followed
the state of the mother, she was not
treated like a slave - she was brought
up nearly as a child - was sent to
school and taught to read and
write - and always treated well
till she became a christian, and
was baptised: this enraged her
mistress so much that she
threatened to sell her as far as
wind and water could carry
her, and said she might rough it
as much as she could in the
meantime - so she lived in constant
dread till the proclamation of
Lincoln released her. Three of her
children were coaxed away from
her to be sent in the country in
the plantation which her mistress
son worked, with the promise
Her husband was free and paid her mistress
$24 a month for the privilege of keeping house with her

that they should be educated and freed when of age, but the promise was utterly disregarded. One of them, a daughter, became a christian and desired from her master a pass and permit to be baptised. This he refused because his mother told him he must do so if he ever wished to set foot again in her house or to be owned her son. But, after a time, he gave a written permit secretly. His mother heard of it and sent for his employer orders to have the slave sold as far as wind and water could carry her. He did so, and she was sent further south on a boat where her father was employed. She sent him word that his daughter was among the gang of slaves on board. He could not believe it, but receiving a second message went below to see, and when he caught sight of

her really there he fainted from the shock. Some of his friends would gladly have bought her for his sake but the trader would not sell her till he got her farther away so she was carried to the dreaded land of oblivion and her family knew no more of her till after the emancipation when they were again brought together. She told me enough to fill a volume, but I can not repeat it all, This has been laid aside since Saturday. Now it is [illegible]. We have a weeks vacation Begin school again Monday. Have had heavy rains and very warm weather for over three days. This P.M. the skies are clearing and we hope it will grow cooler. Warm weather this time of the year we find very oppressive. I am quite well Please write both of you tell about all the friends. [illegible] to my friends — Sister Cynthia.

Pray that if God spares me to them
I may do them some little ser=
vice. Except in occasional visits
I have seen but little of the adults
who passed through the bitterness of
slavery. This class of course embra
ces such. Doubtless their knowledge
of letters has been acquired since the
war by earnest application in
the night schools. . . .)

I went yesterday to see an old
lady of whom I wrote in my letter
to Anna — our paralytic auntie, a
real Mother in Israel she is. I think
I wrote that she lived alone. I found
her in a rocking chair before a sorry
little fire — her straw bed was tied in a sheet
the bed clothes in another — the frame
leaning against the wall and the
few pieces of furniture standing by
themselves here and there with a
look of strange bewilderment.
A young woman whom she said

[Margin note:] — dash — it must stop. it is dark & I'll write the rest again
Em. Tin.

I was taken from the boy's class I had been ~~taking~~ in charge of. Their old teacher returned to his post before them, and I was placed in charge of a large Bible class of Men and Women they are all able to read though not without hesitation and most careful noting of the words. As I had received no intimation of the change I requested one of them to select a chapter. One proposed the 14 of St. John. It was touching to see the unavailing attempts of several of ~~them~~ to find book and chapter. Those of us who could do so gave the assistance most gratefully received; and then the laborious reading and few words of question and answer and simple suggestion began. They treasure almost with adoration the memory of their last year's teacher, a lady now in Atlanta.

Middletown, Dec. 6.

Dear Jennie,

I was made glad by your letter this morning, quite unexpected ly. I thank you for writing so soon.

Tuesday afternoon, Eddie and I went to Mrs Ellis. Ellis introduced our selves as Mr. Everett's children and inquired if I could get a boarding place there. Mrs. Ellis said that they would take me right away if they had room but there house was full. She had a man and his wife and child with them. She was very kind and told where Mr. David Roberts lives. We went there and met with a warm welcome. We met Martha and the

bridge going to the [illegible] Pail Bunting
and she returned with us. They did
not have a warm room nor things
very convenient to take me there, but
invited me to stay that night. After
awhile I thought I had better go to
see Miss Brown. They were not [illegible]
acquainted at the Sem. and did not k[illegible]
the teachers names [illegible] they said they
[illegible] offer to go with me. I started
al[illegible] feeling quite [illegible]
[illegible] walked [illegible] go [illegible]
indeterminately along while the d-
cided to inquire the way to Mr [illegible]
Ellis, then if as I expected [illegible]
there to find my way to Mr. Wm.
Roberts, and learn the worst at once.
(Eddie had gone to Utica.) I saw
no one in the street whom I liked
to ask, so at a house that looked [illegible]
[illegible] I knocked both at the
back and front door but failed to gai[n]

My board and washing will be 1.50. I am not home sick. I will write about my studies and Ella next time. Sis

admittance. Disappointed in the hospitality of private houses I turned my thoughts to the stores. I soon came in sight of a "Grocery and Provision Store" and crossed the street, entered, purchased some bird seed and learned the way to Mr David Ellis'. When I reached there I was not recognized, but was invited in. Thankful for this I entered, accepted a seat, and a second time introduced myself. When I mentioned my name, Mrs. Ellis seemed very glad to see me, as those who knew our parents used all to. She took off my things and made kind inquiries about all [illegible] [illegible]. I told her I was going to attend the [illegible] and [illegible] to find a boarding place. She said she thought I could find a place without difficulty. I inquired whether she took boarders; she said she did not, but said it very pleasantly. Soon her daughter came in, and after we talked a while she asked me where I was going to board. I told her I was looking for a place. She said "Why could n't you accommodate her? I should think you might." Her mother said "I do not know but I could" They both said, as [illegible] complimenting me perhaps that they would like to have me because they were lonely [illegible] much as Mr. Ellis was gone most of the time. He is a drover I think. Miss Ellis soon asked me if I had been to see the teacher, and when I replied in the negative, she offered to go with me. So she went [illegible] with [illegible] Riddle's [illegible] and to Mr Roberts where I was to stay that night. The next day I went there again and found they had decided to take

Norfolk Va Jan's, 1876.

Dear Jennie

Though it is late Saturday night, I must write you a line and speak of some thing I most strangely forgot which I ought to have mentioned before I left home. You remember her do you not — that a man who is called "Owen Fanny" lost a little child, and Katy Griffiths wrote some verses about its death which were published in the Gem. The child's mother told me last Big meeting day that she wished our folks to publish a copy of them that she might have it to frame. She had spoken of it some months before and wished me to inquire what it would cost. Lewis told me what he

thought it would be and I told her. I am not sure of the amount he said but she says as they have no other memo any little thing as a reminder they are quite willing to pay what we would ask for the poetry. I told her I supposed it would be printed on printing paper, and she said if we could print one copy on something nicer she would like it better, but she wished us to do just as we would for ourselves. I think perhaps what we print Invitation tickets on would please her. She said perhaps we had better print 8 or 10 copies as I thought it wouldn't make much difference in the work and price after it was set up. She wanted it anytime when we found time to do it and I think said

we might leave them at the
S. C. I do not know how
I can have so forgotten it.
Please speak of it to Lewis
and see if it can be done.
This New Year's night is it
too late to wish you all a
happy new year? I wonder
if the Co. is out.
Sunday P.M. I went this morning
with Miss Jenks to the S. S. of the Bend St. Colored Baptist
church, where she teaches. I was very much
pleased with the propriety and sobriety
with which it was conducted — the pupils
and all the teachers excepting Miss
Jenks are colored. She says they have
learned how to conduct the school
from the white teachers who from
year to year have assisted them.
I was requested to take charge for the
day of the most advanced class of
boys — the lesson in the Question Book
on the Moral Condition of Man

I was really surprised at the knowledge of scripture history and [illegible] their answers showed. I asked their definition [illegible] the hard words in the [illegible] such as hypocrasy—deceitfulness, &c. and found the replies strangely worded often, but showing some-times very correct ideas. Real respect was manifested by the Supt and others in their warm and urgent entreaty that I should come among them every Sabbath. When school closed I returned, just in time to start to the "Tabernacle" the only M[illegible] or Union church here. It is a white M.E. church. It was beautifully trimmed I suppose since Christmas and a concert time they have had recently. Wreathes were drooping all around the galery—the beautiful text—"Glory to God in the highest,"—back of the pulpit, above the minister's head, was enclosed in evergreen; and below it was the touching emblem of Christ's sufferings—a cross of cedar and hollyberries. From the lamps hung the atmospheric moss, a specimen of which I enclose (Returning and taking lunch we went to the S. S. in "Father Lewis church where we teach,) whose hour of meeting has been changed from half past nine to half past 1.

[illegible] Bot 175 [illegible] will be [illegible]

Charleston, Apr. 12, 18[illegible]

Father dear

I cannot part from you with a word [illegible]. It seems [illegible], but I [illegible] to work and must husband my time. I have 8 young men under my [illegible] care. I do not see any indications of [illegible] in the way of [illegible]. [illegible] that. [illegible] study. [illegible] writing [illegible] them [illegible] half a dozen [illegible]. What would St. Paul think of his [illegible], if he knew the bad time at work: drawing in order that his mind might combat them in the dark [illegible]? [illegible] work is the truth.

I [illegible] enjoy it, and much of the [illegible] society. To morrow [illegible] I have my first recitation in [illegible] Mr. [illegible] will be [illegible] of that class, but [illegible] [illegible] He [illegible] be is engaged elsewhere.

My recitations are [illegible] pleasant. I stand somewhat in awe of Mr. [illegible] but he is too kind for me to be afraid of. I have my class in his [illegible] [illegible] and then he is in. He appreciates effort and desire. I am thankful for that. I am to have a class in Grammar which bids fair to be just fun. Besides which they will have exercises in spelling composition. The class in Algebra is nearly through [illegible] just commencing Geometry. In the third [illegible] right [illegible] child. [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Mission Home, Charleston, Dec. 3, 1870

Dear Jennie

Thank you for your promptness in answering my hasty message about that Etymology. I do not want you to take more trouble for it — but if you can either ask Eddie if he will send his, or ask Mrs Smyth or any of the Mitchell family, if they have one to dispose of, I would be glad to have you. —— Today Mr. Warren received text books on Etymology for the use of the classes in No. 10 and 11 which have [illegible] and I have been trying to train in Composition.

The recitation will not be nearly so hard to conduct with them ~~[illegible]~~.
Thank ~~to~~ you for mentioning that article of T. K. Beecher's.
As the old numbers of our papers are loaned or sent away, I was unable to find it. I am very sorry.

My little pin looks like an old friend. I have bought me a larger jet-one for .75 which I often wear in school dress.

This afternoon I took a walk with little Jennie and Shosho. We went to the river's side and saw several row boats loaded with a rough looking set of men and women who had come over from [illegible] Island to make their Sat.'s sales and purchases pushing away with their oars. Two or three of their

filled the air with some of their
strange negro songs.

Thanksgiving day our church and the colored M. E. churches under charge of Mr. Lewis, a Union man held union services at the ~~ch~~ Centenary church of which Mr. L. is pastor. Several of the teachers went. I did not, as the walk was long and I did not feel very strong. While they were absent Mr. Ford and my roommate trimmed the parlor with evergreen and flowers and hanging moss. It was most lovely. Mr. Lewis and his wife and little son (who by the way is the only white boy in our school) were our guests for the day. We extended the dinner table to its utmost capacity then ~~trimmed~~ made it

turn in the form of an L at one
end by taking off the round desk leaf
and fitting on ~~two~~ square corniced
tables We expected the teachers from Mt.
~~one~~ . We had turkey and mince
Pleasant but sickness detained them
and pumpkin pies. In the
evening the church and school
met in the chapel. Mr. Ford
and Mr. Lewis each made
short addresses and we
had a pleasant social time at
its close.

To-day Mrs. Ford and Miss Wood
~~and Miss Wood~~ visited some poor
families whose wants they were able
to relieve from the contents of a
box of clothing friends at home
had just sent them.

I was much interested in what
they told us of old Aunt Hannah
She was a Guinea Negro, she
said, stolen from Guinea, Africa
when she was about so high, putting
her hand about low enough to touch
the head of an eight-year old child.
She remembered about it, she
said, and when she ~~head~~ reached this
country her head she felt to ~~think~~

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she should never see her home
or her pa or ma again.
"It used to come across my
breast," she said, laying her
hand on her breast, "O how
many times it come across my
breast that I was a slave when I
was born free! but" she added, "it will
be all right by and by."

Aunt Hannah has only 1 leg, and
so cannot leave home, but she is
cheerful and grateful for what she
She is supported by the town; they found her cooking hominy
grits (coarse ground corn)
gets. Mrs. F. visited her once last
"she said "It doesn't agree with my stomach."
summer and found her cooking
3 cabbage leaves for dinner. That was

all she had she said, but she was grateful for them — so now Mrs. Fonda gave her a worsted sack which some friend to whom she ~~had~~ told the story had sent for "the old woman who was grateful for three cabbage leaves." She was perfectly delighted with the sack. While they were there another old woman came ~~in~~ without shoes and stockings, whom they made happy by promising something to clothe her feet.

Do you know in which of the cousins' houses Aunt Mary died? I received the Gem to day. How it received the hurry and flurry of its many birthdays!

How is your health this Winter? How I would like a ride on Eddie's sled? I think I must write a line to mother. Good night, dear sister.

Cynthia.

[illegible]

It seems hardly possible that I have
to [illegible] the [illegible] a week without
finding [illegible] way [illegible] to you, mother.
I wish I could [illegible] about
your work to [illegible] just a [illegible].
[illegible] of us [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] a very [illegible]
We have attended one of the sessions of
the Senate in W. C. [illegible]
[illegible] We were told at the
door that we would find seats in
the gallery — we [illegible] Opposite
us were the [illegible] people sitting —
We only stayed to hear one [illegible]
[illegible] good but the [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] to get out
[illegible] — We are having lovely weather.
Hattie gives us a [illegible] morning
[illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible]

One afternoon this month, Mr. [illegible] heard my [illegible] to give me an opportunity to visit the [illegible] of the place. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the first thing [illegible] the 12 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] about 35 of the [illegible]

[illegible] to take the [illegible] to the page.

[illegible] standing [illegible] as far back as the [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

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Mission Home, [illegible] Dec. 26 1872

Dear Kobbie

Take a seat in our room and be introduced to our "Vigor teachers". This lady with blue eyes and rosy cheeks is Miss Duncan from Boston. The one who is talking so fast is Miss Martin from Conn., my room mate. The lady by the stove who has just given a hearty sneeze is Miss Hilliard. She is witty and gives us many a laugh. This one with light hair & [illegible] with a shawl over her shoulders is Miss Wood, my partner in [illegible]. I am sorry there is not a vacant chair [illegible] you. We are all crowded into our room this [illegible] and [illegible]

Dec. 31st I wish you could catch a glimpse of [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] followed by 4 colored children from one [illegible] to a little Maggie [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible]

...here. We are having a touch of real ... winter weather. This evening we have been making a call on Mr. Lewis a minister ~~over~~ a colored church here. His wife is a sister to ... Burhitt, author of Burhitt's ... They have one son, a little boy about as large as Maggie. He is ... bright and playful, but nearly as ... as Watkin Thomas. He ... to our school, the only white boy among our pupils. I will not write much of a letter this time. You send me a list of questions, then I will know what to write about. Give my warmest love to each of the family. Tell papa and mamma I have remembered them in another envelope directed to Grandpa which I hope will reach them safely. Give my love also to Grandpa Williams ... and to all of you. ... Maggie ... write ...

... to find the ... in the ... them ... for ... to see ... things ... White 56 ... some times almost spoils ... myselfs to see them.

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Mission Home, Charleston, Jan. 2[illegible] 1871

Dear Jennie and all

Your kind letters, Maggie's, Jennie's and yours were most welcome. They came when I was out of school rallying after a nervous attack, I have not taught much this week, not that I was really sick, but nervous, and my good friends were determined to give me a good rest.

We are going over to Mt. Pleasant to-morrow to spend the day and expect a delightful time.

We all went to visit the Orphan Asylum one day

this week and had a very interesting time We visited all the dormitories where the snug cots with plain white spreads stood so invitingly all around the sides of the room. Then clear up into the Cupola where we had a splendid view of the city. I was astonished to see it so large.

But I think I must write to the children about the rest. Hastily with love.

Cynthia

Turin, Nov. 20/'71

Dear Jennie

I wrote the date and name on this, last night and so must go on with my story a day after date. Carroll was pretty sick yesterday afternoon and in the night with diarrhea: He is much better to-day, seems this evening quite like himself. For a time we felt quite uneasy about him. I think you and mother very kind to offer to have me get a shawl and furs both. I have got neither yet. Haven't made out to be "very cold" as you proposed should be my condition when I bought the furs. They have some black ones, muff and a long tail or roll for the neck

which I think are very pretty
What would you think of them?
I think you saw them when
you were here. They are wolf
skin, shiny and shaggy, and are $10 a set. I do
not think I am much inclined to
feel my shoulders cold but I
do often feel winter in my hands
They have none now like ma's, but
Eddie says they could get a set in
a few days. I like the black ones my-
self and am quite inclined to get
them if I get cold enough.
Onie looks in upon us quite often
but he is so much engaged with
his studies that he seldom finds
time to stay. I called at William's
yesterday, had a nice visit with
Delia and Dwighty and a little
chat with Onie after he came in
from school. William wasn't in.
Dwighty is a very bright active little

fellow, very full of mischief, as
I suppose Onie ~~writes~~. I took tea
at John J. Jones. Mrs. Jones,
perhaps you know had a stroke
of paralisis two years ago, so
that one side is helpless, and
her memory and speech ~~were~~
much affelcted, but they are better
She talks now very much better
than when I saw her before.
She said she had been afraid
I didn't want to come to see
her because she couldnt talk,
and her eyes filled with tears.
I told her I had thought a great
deal about her ~~but~~ was afraid
of tiring her ~~out~~. I think the visit
did us both good. She ~~was~~ so
kind to me when I was here the Fall
before I went to Rome that I love
her dearly. She inquired very kindly
for Father and Mother.

I do not know but I shall go ~~on~~ the hill to-morrow. I rode over to Constableville with Eddie last Friday, and called on Mrs. Millard. Mate said when I came that she was in hopes that as Sarah couldn't come, Anna would have come with me, and that she wishes she would come and stay awhile before I go back. I wish she would too. We would have a jolly time. Sarah Seymour says she would be glad to claim the collar you sent but cannot. These buttons are 15 cts per doz. but I think Eddie put them two doz. down at 25 cts. If you like them and wish more please tell me how many to get. How is Cenhadwr coming on. When do you expect to get it out. We wish particularly to know. We all send much love. I feel much stronger than I did last week. Please write when you can. Eddie and Mate are well. Sis.

Remsen, July 22, 1864

My dear good Boy

Your aunties and other friends out here often speak of you, and feel very sorry for your loneliness. I wish we could have you out here with us, but as that can not be, we ought to write often to each other, and try to let you know what we are doing. We have not heard from your father and mother for some time. Your mother was about the same when we last heard.

Our Kansas baby we consider a dear little treasure. We tell every body about our boy. He has got now so that he knows us all, and he is perfectly at home. This afternoon aunt Jane

and Robbie, Onie and Maggie were here. They came to pick some currants; or rather aunt Jane did, and the children came for a good time, and I tell you they had it. Cousins Fannie and Ella were here. Ella came a few days ago, and Fannie has been here several weeks. Uncle Eddie was finishing haying to day, and had two men helping him. The children had fine times in the hay fields and the next the last load of hay you ought to have seen, it was light of hay, but heavey with children.
In the evening aunt Anna played on the melodion some, and the others sang. The baby puckered up his little mouth, and tried to make as much noise as the rest of them. They sang, "The Children of the Battle Field" and "Kingdom is a Coming." Have you ever heard these pieces? After uncle Lewis, aunt Jane and

the children went home, Eddie had
a real frolic in the kitchen. There
was a pillow on the lounge which
he threw on the floor, and then
laid on. Then he got up, ran
across the room, back again on to
the pillow. Sometimes he would try
to run with the pillow, and would
tumble down, with a laugh. Then
he would pick it up and run and
put it in my lap and lean against
me. Once when I was standing, he
came against me with such force as
to throw me down into a chair. He
is very stout. He put the pillow on
the floor, one time, then sat down
squarely on it. How cunning he seemed,
as he looked around and laughed, as
though he had done it then. He loves
dearly to play with [illegible], but best of all
he likes to get in the barnyard when
the cows are milked. He has got a great

many cunning tricks. Soon after he came here, Fannie discovered that he had a very funny way of smelling from a bottle. I guess you or Robbie must have taught him. When she held the bottle to him, he would touch his little nose to it for about half a second, then he would suddenly draw back and shake his head and laugh. He is also very fond of shutting the doors, and he will make motions, shaking his little arm back and forth, like a minister, if some one will only set him going.

He is very fond of currants, and will run to us, the moment we ask him if he wants some. He says something that sounds very much like Anna, and sometimes we think he says O, dear. You write and tell us what he used to do, when he was in Kansas. Sometimes when we ask

him where Frank is he will look around towards the door and say oh! oh! We have a likeness of your father, which the baby makes a great fuss over, whenever he gets it, so that we sometimes think he knows it. We all think he is a wonderful baby. Do you go to Sabbath school now. I have a class of about 8 little boys, between the ages of 6 and 14 which I like very much. Onie is the one who is six, but he can read as well as any in the class, and much better than most. My class are going to bring some pennies to buy testaments for the soldiers next Sunday, and we are going to send out some copies of Testaments & Psalms next week. They will earn some of their pennies by learning verses. If you like, I will give you a penny, or rather save it for you, for every 10 verses

you learn, and for every letter you write until you have earned 15 cents, which is enough to buy one, then I will send it to Washington for a soldier, and write your name in it, sending it as a gift from you, shall I? Have you got a Testament or a Bible of your own for your own use?

It is very dry out here. The hay is light, and tough, the flowers set badly, and if we do not soon have rain I am afraid the cattle will suffer. Are there any children in the family where you stay daytime? Dear Frankie, try not to be lonely, remember the same kind God watches over your parents and you. Put yourself under his care, and ask him to keep you. Let us hear from you soon. Give my love to Aunt [illegible]. We all send love to you.

Your affectionate Aunt
Cynthia H. [illegible]

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~~Mission Home~~, New York, Feb. 18 1871

My dear little Nephew

Your letter, so full of news, was very welcome indeed. I was glad to hear that the hens were laying. We have eggs once in a while too, but we have to pay for them. We get nine, and sometimes ten for 25 cts.

I did not know before that you could write a writing hand. Aunt Mary and I were both pleased to find that you could, and to see all your words spelled correctly. So you have some stormy weather, do you, we do too.

We have a great deal of snow in New York, but to-day it rains, and the walking is very bad.
I am sitting with Aunt Mary in the Dispensary. It is between 3 and 4 and on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday she spends the hour from 3 to 4 here, where the poor sick people come to get medicine and advise. One day I came here and found her rubbing the poor drawn up hand of a man who had nearly lost its use from a bad felon. It got better.
A woman has just come in now, and Aunt Mary is doing up powders for her.

One morning this week some gentleman called at 327 E. 12th St. and wanted Aunt Mary to call to see his wife, Mrs. H. B. Smith, at 111, W. 53rd St. Mary thought in a

minute that that was the same name and No. ~~that~~ as one which I had, and exclaimed, "Is it Miss Wallace?" ~~Why~~ "Why yes," it was Miss Wallace, said he but how did you know," "I recognized the No." she said, "my sister has it and is intending to call on her." Then he was still more astonished to find her sister was here. You see Mrs. Smith, once Miss Wallace was one of my dearest friends in Charleston, last year, we had written to each other but about the time she married lost track of each other she didn't get my last letter, but just before I came away one of her scholars got a letter from her with her address. I was very glad to get it, you may be sure. She wanted

to see Aunt Mary about her health, and thought she would surprise her by telling her she knew me, and would find out where I was. So, on Wednesday we both went to see her and had a very nice time. They live very near the Central Park, so while the Dr was talking with Mrs. Smith, Mr. Smith took me up to the Park. In one part we saw ever so many skating in others they were riding, It was a beautiful place, though cottages evergreens, seats, paths and all were covered with snow; as he promised to be back in about 20 minutes we didn't see it all. They made us promise to make them a longer visit in a day or two, so yesterday we did, and had a splendid time. Do you have any snow birds? Occasionally we see a sparrow on the side-walk here. There goes a boy with a drum, Do you hear him? Aunt Mary and I are both pretty well now, we send love to all the Nephews and Nieces. Write again soon. Accept love and a kiss from Aunt Cynthia

Charleston, Jan. 20

Dear Johnnie

Your nice little letter was as good as a kiss. I do think you had a splendid time Christmas and wasn't it nice to have letters from Aunt Mary and me should get there just in time to join in the fun?

You ought to see the hundreds of little children we saw at the orphan house this week. How nicely they looked at their writing in the school room. Scores of seats of them all with plain white aprons, nearly all the girls in red calico dresses and O, how bright they looked. We watched them awhile, then went into another

thank her very much and you too for kindness to Fred— [illegible]

larger room where a class of little ones were reciting Geography. How eagerly they held up their hands to say they could answer. After we had been there a few minutes another lady teacher came and sat at the Piano and began to play and instantly, just like little generals, the children all came marching in for closing exer=cises. They sang some beautiful pieces, and recited questions in Arithmetic just as fast as they could be asked. The teacher had the scholars ask each other questions part of the time.

One piece they sang was like this — all raised their hands over their heads and then suiting the action to the words sang "One finger and one thumb keep moving, One finger and one thumb keep moving, We do, we do, we do" then two fingers and one thumb then 4 then 8 fin. 2 thumbs 2 hands keep moving then fingers thumbs hands and one foot — again one head. It was very pretty to see more than 300 doing it. But I will say good bye now I'll write to Maggie soon

Dear Mary:

I hope you will excuse me for not writing to you before this; I hope to be able to write you a letter before long, but can write but a few lines now. Jane Evans, daughter of David Evans, saddler, he who used to live in Remsen, is here now: she came to Remsen last Monday, and came here this morning: she is going home tomorrow. Sarah sits up about twenty minutes a day now, she does not walk any yet. I saw Uncle Henry in Holland Patent yesterday: he said he was going to see Lizzie soon. Ellen sends you a letter with this. I think she is improving, dont you? She reads pretty well in her Third Reader now, a good deal better than she could when she first got it. I have no room for more here. From Anna.

Home Nov. 14 [illegible]

Dear Mary,

Nothing has recently occured that has surprised me more than the proposition you make in your last. Why Mary dear, what do you mean, I was a good deal better, (if I remember right) before you left than I had been, and now let me tell you that I feel very well. My heart does not trouble me much, it does go "pit a pat" sometimes rather faster than I like to have it, but I do not think that any thing serious is the matter with it. As to the dyspepsia I think that if I am careful, I shall get over it.

But it was just like yourself, dear sister to want me to come. When you see that there is a prospect of your recovering, you are anxious that every one else that is afflicted like you, should come and be cured likewise. I rather think though that your fancy has assisted you in coming to the conclusion that I need any such treatment. You know, better than I can tell you, how

I should love to be with Sarah and you. but I do not think it would be best. However, I thank you very much for your very kind and sisterly intentions But do you know, I want to talk with you a little about something you said in Mother's letter, or rather, I suppose I should say, in your letter to Mother You write, "If Sis was well I think she would be a pretty smart girl, and might be doing something,— but now she is not able to do anything efficiently, &c— Now I am not going to make any pretentions to any great smartness, but Mary, I can do something I do the chamber work every day, and take care of the birds, and a little besides— That, I think, is better than to be doing nothing at all, and being an expense of — I don't know how much — a week to some body or other. And besides, I really do not think it is necessary. Although no one loves to see any body enjoying perfect health, independent of all despisible "aches and pains" with their usual accompaniments— such as low spirits, and all like trash— better than I do— still I do not think it would be worth while for me to go to Saratoga now— I guess I am not so badly off as you think I am, and I think I am gaining all the

while, and I shouldn't wonder if in a year or two more I would be as healthy as the healthiest!
I guess you think, by this time, that I have said enough about myself, and I hope that you are now convinced that I am very well off where I am.
I believe we told you in our last that Ann was gone, we have got along very well so far without any one. Lettie came up in the stage the Wednesday after you left us. Thomas did not go west, as he expected, so Mary did not come up. We have not heard from her since Kittie came, and consequently do not know as Thomas will go, or not, nor whether Mary will come to see us this Fall. A letter came from Lizzie to cousin M. last week. we opened it, she was at the Glen, and was going to have company to go out to Chicago. Elias, "cousin Henry's" brother, was going out, and she was to go with him. I had a letter from sister E. last Friday. Her folks were all well. They had had a ~~letter~~ visit from Miss Hill, your former teacher at Whitestown. She, Miss H, spoke of you and Jennie, wished to send love. Her health has been poor ~~for~~ a long time, is unable to teach.

We have not heard from John since we wrote nor directly from Sarah Maria. Lizzie said in her letter that she had been to see her and that she and the children were well. I guess I shall write to her again before long, for I cannot be sure that she has received my last letter. I wrote Jennie yesterday and shall answer Elisabeth's letter to-day if I have time, which I guess I shall have. Have you written to her. She said she looks anxiously in every letter for tidings from Sarah. She had not, of course heard that you were in S. S. her letter was written on the 6 of this month. I guess we shall send your letter to "Mother," (not "Ma) in our next.— Before I close, I want to thank you for your very kind letter, for your offer to meet me at Skaneateles, and all, but I think I must decline them all. yours ever, truly, sincerely, entirely, loveingly and laughingly—

Cynthia—

P. S. Anna and I wrote to you last week. Have you received our letters? Sis.

Saratoga, March 23, 1[illegible]

What joy is mi[illegible]
I have in my possession two precious letters [illegible]
from my dear Mary. Sarah has received 3 n[illegible]
from home, and a letter from Miss Dyme[illegible]
[illegible] she doesn't feel very bad because you ha[ve]
written to me twice and to her not [illegible]
O, Mary, how good your letters are. The[illegible]
[illegible] excellent, the genuine article — But [illegible]
write any more you will want to k[now how]
we are and feel. I will speak [of] Sarah first.
She stood her journey full better than she ex[pected]
has got nearly rested now, and feels homesick [at]
times, of course — She has had two or three [illegible]
spells since she has been here but the D[r.] prescribed
some of his old unfailing fire-crackers, and [illegible]
[illegible] her up in a hurry. She was weighed Monday
and [illegible] weighs a few [illegible]

[illegible] write [illegible] you had
[illegible] not write enough to
make [illegible] remember, my
dear. Give much love to
Father and Mother and tell
them we are happy. Sarah
feels better to-day than she
has in a long time, she thinks
she will gain again [illegible]
[illegible] Lewis would write
[illegible] and. Give much love
to [illegible] and Anna and Edd.
[illegible] Eddie we want him
to write on the third of
April. Love to cousin Mary
and Betty — I will write to [illegible]
as soon [as] [illegible] well [illegible] — [illegible]
was [illegible] a little while ago and
she [illegible] to tell you that little
[illegible] Strong wishes that you were
[illegible] to you [illegible] [illegible] love
[illegible] up [illegible] the ground
[illegible]
You darling Sis [illegible] you —

[illegible]

hundred. Mrs. Nevins tried to make out that she weighed a hundred and one which is the weight of a ~~wicked~~ witch. She may come up to that some time, but she doesn't yet, though she has a good deal of the witchery in her I believe. She finds, by running the [illegible] and walking that she is [illegible] stronger, and in some things not as strong as when she left her in the winter. She has not had a hard spell with her side as she feared she would. It has troubled her rather less than it did when she was home, but the Dr. still fears there is something growing there. Sarah feels quite badly about it. I am sorry for her as I can be, but I cannot ~~cheer~~ comfort her as I wish I could —

Now, Mary, dear, I am going to draw on a long face and tell my own story. I have been a real good girl, I can tell you. I bore my transportation from home to Saratoga like a hero. Ask Lewis if I did not? I behaved myself pretty well after he went away too — though I kept ~~trem~~ trembling and my chin kept chattering for two days, in spite of all I could do. I have had two spasms but neither of them [illegible] hard. Monday the Dr. talked [illegible] and yesterday your letter

[illegible] tackled me [illegible] another [illegible] then they gave me what you call [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] saw-dust and [illegible] just enough pepper put in the mixture to [illegible] it. She dosed me with that and [illegible] [illegible] until I vomited [illegible] [illegible] said good.

[B]ut I saw it was cruel, for I had just eat [illegible] potato and cabbage and all, and [illegible] [illegible] of it, and was sick enough besides. but [illegible] I feel as smart as can be. Sarah [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] read your letter that we got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] long after I saw it. She was afraid [illegible] me [illegible] said. but I didn't frighten her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I guess you think I have said enough [illegible] myself [illegible] I will stop after I tell you that I weighed one hun=dred and fifteen pounds. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dr. says I will come down some [illegible] [illegible] Well. I am not sorry. it will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] myself around then —— [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Exercises, and had quite [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as electioneerers would say [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. Wood were up — they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very much. O I have had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

for you [illegible] [illegible] hardly [illegible] tell you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] excite in your mind a feeling of [illegible]
[illegible] Dr [illegible] trying to coax me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a kind [illegible] sort of a way to be a little more
[illegible] and he said he wished Mary was so
that she was just right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cheerful and
making every body [illegible] cheerful, and I hear the same on
every hand. The folks all want to see you. [illegible] [illegible]
says he [illegible] [illegible] the little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and his
wife wants to see Mary very much. I have seen [illegible]
Varner [illegible] in her room, and once [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
walking in the hall. I have not had much talk with
her, but I like her very much. Sarah says she appears
to be better than when you were here. She walks a good
deal better, but does not sit up any. She wishes to send
her love to Mary, and to tell her that she is very
much obliged to her for writing that letter to Mrs. [illegible] for
her. Miss Spooner went away the day before we came.
There are 4 patients that you are not acquainted with.
[illegible] [illegible] Stevens, who [illegible] you heard Sarah Maria
speak of, Mrs. Kellogg and Miss [illegible]. The latter
is over 80 years old, has been sick for 21 years. most
[illegible] of that time able to sit up but a very little.
She is a very pleasant old lady, I have become quite
attached to her already. We have not been to see that
colored family you spoke of, but intend to go as soon
as Sarah feels able. Perhaps we shall to-morrow.
We haven't been to Mr. Wood's yet either. I guess we shall
call there as we take our walk to-morrow morning. We walk
every morning, but have not taken very long
walks yet. It seems strange to hear of your having so much
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] home. It has snowed several times since
we came here, but there is no snow in the roads, we hear the
robins and blue-birds singing. Eliza sends her love to Mary
she says she should like to see her very much. How are all
the folks at home? How is father [illegible] mother and Lewis?
I never can forget how good and kind Lewis was, when we
were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hear that he [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] well. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] pleased with his visit at our house. He [illegible] [illegible] the things you sent were just the things we wanted. [illegible] if I had been at home [illegible] [illegible]

than skill or successfulness in making. Those
we were taken in to become the acknowledged ones
of the family, as did you and [illegible] with the
[illegible] that [illegible] for the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] sent us a [illegible] we shall not
trouble him for any more in a hurry. [illegible]
being our own friends, [illegible] us an [illegible] that
that we ought to exercise some judgment,
or we shall become [illegible] spendthrifts.
[illegible] to the [illegible] a few days ago and got
some stuff for a sack and an under
waist, and we got from [illegible] [illegible] extra yards
of blue [illegible] to [illegible] skirt. It is just
enough for two [illegible] [illegible] from the
[illegible] and put the [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] came in and said she would
make [illegible] a present of some muslin for
a skirt. It is very pretty and quite light. We
can wear it in warm weather. She sent us
light blue delaine. A shilling a yard. We have
not made it up yet or I would send you a piece.
[illegible] you are a good girl to write us so
often. We received a letter from you and
[illegible] this week, which did us lots of good.

I should like first rate to have some buttermilk. [illegible] you send us some in your next letter. I am sorry you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you again. I wish it [illegible] you forever [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] about your intellects, [illegible] you [illegible] find quite so much left in your [illegible] to be bothered with, after your headache [illegible] laid you down. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] days. [illegible] of writing. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter I wrote them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hope they did, for it was four pages long, and I don't want it lost. [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] my letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] correspondence with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] says you have two young [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sarah tells me not to write more than 3. pages and I guess I had better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all pretty [illegible] [illegible]. Sarah [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. Mary Everett.

Rome [illegible] June 2. 185[illegible]

Dear Sister Mary

I have concluded not to return to Graefenberg, immediately. Think of going to day or to morrow with Louis on horseback to [illegible] Falls & then visiting about home. I shall come to Utica on for my carriage in a few days & perhaps go, and spend a night with you. I am very glad to get home. [illegible] think, I [illegible] need any more treatment at present & father approves my plan. I [illegible] from Williams some more of that cloath & some thread. Saturday to Whites to the Dr's shelf. If it does not come to day have the Dr call tomorrow & get them. They were a spool No 40 thread & 1½ yds of the same cloth as I got for shirts. Send them over as soon as possible to Mrs [illegible] & have her get along with the shirts as soon as she can, as I may be up & would take them. Give my best respects to the patients & the [illegible]. Write soon [illegible] [illegible]

Monday morn.

Dear Mary,

Robert requests me to write a few words to you, and as the task is not a very disagreeable one, I undertake it immeadiately. I should'nt wonder if you and Robert have thought I was a pretty naughty girl, for writing to you so seldom, and I do not know but I am. I have had more to do than I used to when Ann was here, and it is quite easy to neglect writing. Dear sister, we do want to see you very much. It seems, as it truly is, a very long time since we have seen you. Dr. Thomas says you are getting along very well now. O, Mary, I shall be so glad if you get better. We want to see you coming home, but if you think it is best to stay some longer, we must wait patiently for the pleasure, and you must try to be contented. Do not be uneasy about us at home for a moment. If there should be anything the matter of one, there are enough of us to take care of the sick one, and to write to you too. Cousin Lizzie wishe me to

give her love to you. We enjoy her company very much. Robert is going to stay with us awhile. We are very glad to see him so well. Wm. Thomas says he is coming up here again before long. Will not you come with him. Mary, what kind of a bonnet have you got to run around in? are you not in want for summer things. We are all well–

In haste – Cynthia.

Fenton, [illegible]

My dear Mary

Father said this afternoon that if any one was able to use a pen, he wished they would write to Mary. Sarah seems to think she is hardly able, as she has a sore finger — so my dear, it has fallen to my lot, and I am not very sorry, however you may feel about it. — Eddie received your letter, and you can judge something of the joy it gave us to hear that you would probably be with us so soon, and that you were not coming with your education but half completed, but that you expect to bring your diploma with you. I shall not attempt to paint a picture of the happy

all well at home, but I think [illegible] finger [illegible] [illegible] nearly. It has been a very cold [illegible] day. I have [illegible] tired [illegible] [illegible] me so that I have kept up so long, so I will stay no longer than to say good night and to subscribe myself —

Your affectionate sister
Cynthia

Dear Mary —
Your mother intends to come to Utica to meet you and to see Lizzy, on Monday — you will please write us once more — this week. Please to bring Your Bro Henry's Violin — and other things left by Robert if there are any — We are all very thankful to find you are so well as to be prepared to come home again. Perhaps you had better [illegible] how your [illegible] stands.
Yours [illegible]
[illegible]

times we expect to have when you return home with your health so improved that it may be an enjoyment, a real enjoyment to you. But I will say, dear sister, that we are very glad you are coming. We need you at home, we want your company. Father and mother need you. So does Eddie. I believe you will do him a great deal of good this winter. I think he promises to be a kind good brother, and I trust a noble man. But he requires motive for exertion, and just such assistance as an elder sister, who has sufficient wisdom might give him. Lewis and Jane, though they have each other need other society occasionally, and will be very glad to have you come. Baby too, will not be sorry to have another auntie to love, and O, Mary, Sarah and I want you so much. We want some one to advise, caution, approve &c. though of course mother does that in a great measure, but it will not do to trouble her with every little thing — Now — don't let this make you think that we intend to have you

take the supervision of the whole establish-
ment — By no means, we would hardly trust
you in such an important station. We
expect to have you take a sort of vacation for
awhile, and to spend your time accomplishing
finishing getting well, &c.

We finished doing Kate's dress today,
and intend to wash it [illegible] We had a
queer little storm today, about the middle of
the afternoon it grew very dark and windy.
the heavens gave us one bright flash of
lightning, a few scattered drops of rain and
then threw down a lively shower of snow
after which it became day-light once more.
I guess the whole performance lasted no
longer than half an hour. It was not, as yet,
appear to have made much impression on
the atmosphere. We thought it would be
colder after it, but it rained to-night. Sarah
thinks likely it will [illegible] to snow. I hope it
will, before the month is out. Perhaps we
will have sleigh-rides before December.
I like an early winter ~~and~~ an early spring
and a long, lingering summer.

a week ago.

Sarah got a sliver in her finger, last Sunday by taking a stick away from the baby, and has not got it out yet. It is in very deep, and we do not know but she will have to get the Dr. to take it out. She has got [illegible] on it now. She put it on last night first, then took off this morning, so that she could sew [illegible]. Squire Lewis's said it would draw it out if she could bear it, but it has not pained her much yet. —— —— We have had no letter from John this week, I mean last week. We received letters from the girls last Wednesday. [illegible] and Georgie. I believe they did not say particularly how they were, but their letters had the tone of health. Uncle Henry was up last week. He said the Dr. gives but very little encouragement about Lizzie. Uncle thought she was no better, but rather weaker. He did not seem to have much hopes of her recovery. O, that we knew she was at peace with God. May we be forgiven for being so unfaithful to warn her while she had health. We can pray for her now. We are

185[illegible]

[illegible] July [illegible]

Dear Mary,

We received your letter some time ago, but as we had just written it did not seem necessary to answer it immediately, but I have deferred doing so much longer than I intended. Our school, you know, is drawing to a close, and I find myself pretty busy. I have gone into the other class in Alg[illegible] [illegible] get along very well, and like it very much. We are reviewing now in Botany, and that does not take a great deal of time. But I do dread the Examination day. [illegible]

[illegible] from Father and from home last week, I think and from Kansas recently. But good news all around. Father wrote from Milwaukee, the 21st. Anna had been with him attending the meetings, as you probably know. Father is expecting to be at Big Rock, Ill. next Sabbath, "then towards home."

Mr. R. had a letter from Biddy today. Alice is much better. Sits up and has tried to walk some. Poor child, she was sick a good while. Mrs. Blake is much better. They hope now that she will recover. About the time I wrote you before, when she was so very ill, they consulted Dr. Rogers, and he seemed to help her very soon. [illegible] to her now, I believe. She is

still very poorly, but [illegible] not seem to
be in danger. —— We are very glad
to hear you feel so much better. We
hope your stay will benefit you.
Dr. Strong is certainly very kind.
How I should like to see him. Give
my love to him, please. Have you
seen Miss Stevens, and how is she?
Also Mrs. Sherwood, and Miss Blossom?
Are any of the old patients there now,
or have you heard from any?
Where is Fanny? If she is still there give
my love to her. — Have you suffered
much from the warm weather? It
was very warm here for a while, but
for a few days it has been quite
cool, really cold, in fact. To-day
this afternoon it is [illegible]
so you will not much [illegible] I should

... to take a walk with you some morning, to the Finley place or the Park, and go to Congress Spring and get a drink.— Do you have any hard spells of headache now, and do you feel pretty strong? I wish I could see you. I wish I had your likeness. I look at the girls' likeness more often than I used to when you were here. You will write soon, if you feel able, will you not?

Cynthia.

Oriskany July 7 1863.

Dear Mary

was quite disappointed last night not to receive a letter from home. I hope one will certainly come to-night. I don't hardly think we will go to Rome unless somebody comes to go with us. I received the Can. yesterday afternoon. It was very welcome here. I hope we will see some of you to-morrow. When the next letter is sent to me, if it will not be too much trouble, I would like to have you send the pattern of your head-dress. Also if you come down, and can conveniently, please bring a pattern of the Moss Basket. Mary Ann Roberts would like to make one. Please get

We had decided not to go away to-day, if it was as warm as for the past week, but last night it rained some. There was distant thunder, and to-day it is very pleasant. If Annie is inclined to it, we may go yet. Our invitation did not come direct from Martha, and we have not sent her word, as we were so undecided about going. We are yet undecided. I received a note from Whitesboro, stating that Mrs. K could not tell whether she would come or not. I hope in your next, you and Jennie will say something decided about coming. Love from all. Good bye. [illegible]

We still hope to see you and Jennie next week. I am sorry you do not feel better. I think if you would once get here, you would gain. We have had very, very warm weather.

somebody to write me where the place is for us to read in the bible. I read the 119th Ps. yesterday, but do not know how near right I am. Annie and I have taken some fine walks. Last evening we went through the woods about a mile then to the road and up to a Factory village called "The Valley;" then back along the road, most of the way along by the mill pond. Annie got some pond lilies. There are some beautiful places round here, but we have to take pretty long walks to come to them.

July 4th. We did not get up early enough to go to Rome this morn. by the 8 o-clock train just as we did not get through [illegible] yesterday early enough to send this to mail. I do not know whether we will go on to the [illegible] train or not. Your note and Jennie's letter were received yesterday. We were all much disappointed that you were not coming down, but glad to hear of the Excursion to [illegible] [illegible]. I hope the party will have a very pleasant time. We went to the depot to meet the evening train yesterday thinking perhaps you might be on board.

I will try to answer Jennie's letter before long. Annie wishes me to say as she hasn't time to answer your note to-day

Kiensen, Jan 11, 1865

Dear Mary,

You were doubtless disappointed in not seeing Father at the meeting, but do you know that we have had a very effectual block-up in these parts?

Father was not feeling well, either, and between the state of the roads and his own indisposition, he decided not to go. It stormed so all day Sat. that by Sunday we were completely shut in. Monday was occupied in breaking roads, and not till Tues. did anyone come to see about taking chairs and dishes. Jennie Griffith staid till Tues. Some chairs have

not been taken home yet. Lewis has taken two or three loads.

Mr. Salisbury's donation has been put off until next week Tues. How did you all reach your journey's end Friday?

We thought you might some: time want to come home., and we thought we would write and send a little money, and explain about Father's not going to the meeting, for we hear that you did not have nearly so severe a storm as we did. Yesterday (Tues) it snowed and blowed and rained some, filled in the paths badly. We have seen no teams go by to-day.

Sarah has been writing to Ottie. We received a letter from her when Eddie came home Sunday, stating that Uncle died, Friday, the week before our donation.

He never spoke after he reached

home, though he would sometimes ~~speak~~ try to answer by pressing the hand. Ottie says he never knew her. She wrote on the evening of the day of the funeral. Father is writing, to Uncle Nathanael and Aunt Jane. Ottie requested me to let them know of Uncle's death.

We are getting to rights quite as well as could be expected, and are all pretty well, excepting those who have colds. Baby has been quite sick. He took cold Friday night, and has been very hoarse and feverish, and croupy. We give him a warm bath every night, which he enjoys exceedingly. Last night he slept quite well for the first time, and to-day we think he is much better. The little boys have both got colds and yesterday and to-day John ~~has~~ been most down sick

with one. Mother had quite a sick spell Sunday. She had been vomiting, and suffering a good deal of distress before Eddie brought Ottie's letter. That, of course affected her some, and she looked miserable for some time. After a time she had quite a long sleep, and was much refreshed. She seems about as well as she usually does now. It seems to give her great satisfaction to think that she had that visit from Uncle, and received a letter from him, which was written, Ottie says, the day before he was taken. We ~~would~~ like to see you, but want you to come home when you are ready, and, as Jennie wrote me when I was gone, "not before". If you stay long, write to us, but with no change of clothes, you cannot stay long.

Affectionately, in haste

hastily affectionate, Cynthia

[illegible], June 11, 1866.

Dear Friend Mary

Last Wednes. evening Fannie Roberts and I rode down to mill with her brother John, who is engaged to the cheese factory, and went to hear Miss Douglass from [illegible] give recitations before the reading circle. Addie went with us. It was at the Baptist church. Some of her pieces were good and well recited. On the whole, I enjoyed it much and found it a pleasant diversion. As we were coming from the church, we heard a tin horn & bottle, and they said the stage had come. So we waited till the mail was distributed, and I was rewarded by your letter and all the papers. Several of our friends [illegible]

Mon morning, eve. I'm not well, had a pleasant time Sunday and [illegible] school to day [illegible] [illegible] Addie [illegible] received a [illegible] Addie [illegible] [illegible]

and they thought I got more than my share.
[illegible] paper fully and those of them
had real [illegible]. I don't think I shall
have to have any "naughty boys" and
come home. They are behaving better,
[illegible] make me a nice [illegible]
Addie, I think, is going to come round
all right, and since then as I [illegible].
behaves well [illegible] since then, [illegible]
I am [illegible] afraid he will [illegible]
up to mischief. I have had 4 more large
boys, 14 and 15 yrs old since [illegible] came,
real good [illegible] boys, whose example
is worth something. One of them, Peter
Hurley, is a real noble, bright, gentle, manly
boy. I like him about as well as I did
Dr Kirk. He is a cousin to Addie, and
he, a brother and sister younger in school.
Two older brothers have worked here for
the [illegible] [illegible]. We washed the school
house yesterday, and got it real clean.
There were enough big boys and girls
to help, so that it didn't come hard on me

To-day I am [illegible] and [illegible] a good time generally. As to my coming home with Eddie, I'm afraid it wouldn't be quite best, and I don't think it really necessary. How is it going to be about the 4th there, any going [illegible] that I ought to witness, or is it going to be so tame that I might as well [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] instead? I want to see some of your girls very much. I wish you could be with me in the school ~~room~~ for a day or two and [illegible] think of it. Eddie visited it one morning last week, but perhaps he has told you. He walked up with me Wednesday night. I declare, he must have been tired for [illegible] nothing [illegible]
[illegible] came along the [illegible] [illegible]
didn't want to stay. I [illegible] boarding at Mr. Shepard's this week. They are pleasant people. Mr. Williams is to preach here on the hill tomorrow. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] since the first Sunday I came up. I am glad [illegible]

[illegible] any bonnet on the hill [illegible] they keep all the grand fixings, till [illegible] they are so old fashioned here, and [illegible] very plain. In church one sees jockeys of every description, some looking a good deal worse than mine, some better, shakers, hoods, bonnets three and four yrs. old with style and shade to match. I haven't seen but one stylish bonnet, such a [illegible] girls wear, since I've been here, and that was ever so much too small. Mrs. Roberts and her mother-in-law wear shakers, but expect to have bonnets against the big meeting. but if you should come up here, you needn't say that I told you all such trifling news.

Thank you for the papers you sent, I was amused to notice the styles of hats in Wales, not very unlike ours, were they? Here they wear Sea-side hats and the [illegible] mostly. I like them both, I think [illegible] 2 [illegible] up, like mine, but I like mine very much. Are you going to the commencement? When is it? There is to be a teachers' institute (Semi-annual meeting) in the Pres. church, during the same day as our big meeting up here; isn't that too bad; I want to attend both. I think I shall go to the teachers' meeting at first and the last. I'm not growing thin now so don't worry, I did [illegible] some pounds at first but I'm up to 114 again. When shall we see you?

Cynthia.

Tioin, Tues. S. M. Aug. 14 [illegible]

Dear Mary,

Your letter was brought [illegible] school to-day, and though very glad to get it, I was sorry that [illegible] compassion on me, when I needed it so little, but never mind, let it go [illegible] [illegible] I need it and don't get it.

My vacation has done me good, I am nearly so nervous as I was for a week before it. The children all seem [illegible] [illegible] as though they had [illegible] taking nervine, and they are much more affectionate and res[illegible] than they used to be.

I sent a letter to [illegible] for home to-day. I presume [illegible] added a line [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Glad for mail [illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Williams and Mr. Rowlands are to preach. She has been a very great sufferer. They all feel relieved [illegible] that she is released. Rev. Mr. Roberts seems more resigned and cheerful since her death. He said he thought he could stop [illegible]. He says she is at rest now. I saw him before school this morning. He does not keep away by himself as he did while she was suffering so much.

[illegible] family, children and grandchildren grieve very much at her loss, for she was very affectionate and mild.

I have not seen Eddie since Sunday he sent a note this morn with your letter, saying that we would postpone our [illegible] things, till some other time. There was to have [illegible] a prayer meeting at Rev. [illegible] this evening, but it is so very rainy [illegible] will not be any. I am [illegible] at [illegible] Mr. [illegible]. I [illegible] down to [illegible]

for a little while this morning. I
want to go down there [illegible]
if I cannot do something to help them
get ready for to-morrow, but it rains
so that I am afraid I cannot.

Wednes. morning. I have not been to the
Roberts' yet. It rained nearly all night.
It looks like rain again this morning, though
I hope it will not, on account of the funeral.
We have school this morning but will
let it out in time to go to the church.

We had a nice time last evening with
enigmas, puzzles and anagrams.
I made some enigmas on the little boys'
names, which amused them. I am just as
contented as you please now after my
vacation. Mr Shepard's people have a great
deal of hay out yet, and I believe Charley
isn't coming to school till they get
through. He's not been this week. Three
others from the same family come, but
they dont make trouble for me, while

[illegible] on the
greatest worrier I ever saw for a
small fellow. He will quite [illegible]
I hope he'll reform before he is twenty,
[illegible] his folks will always keep
saying! Adriel behaves quite well, though
I have to use some ingenuity to keep
off the [illegible]. Even Richard [illegible] do
not come to school, so no wonder
I get along easier. I have not time to
write much more as it is near
school time, and I want to write a
note to Eddie. Remember to tell
me whether Jane has got quite
well, and if Pierce is better.
Does Jennie find it lonely
[illegible] alone [illegible] to gather..
Is Hanna feeling a little stronger
Has pa's limb got well? and how
is ma feeling? Has that minister's
family [illegible] here in our
yard [illegible]?

Yours in [illegible] love
Cynthia

[illegible] where [illegible] in [illegible] other

Remsen Sept 22/68

Dear Mary & Anna

I write this to inform you
that you have a little Niece to
love, Jane was taken sick
two or three this morning and
was very sick till eleven, her
mother came there provide ntial
dent with Pierce who was going to
the depot to meet Clara and
her Mother who had gone to
Utica that morning
Lewis came for me soon after
6 we were all very glad
that Mrs Williams was
there she will stay for
some time, Jane and the
baby seem to be doing as
well as cauld be expected
I think. Wiggins went home
about one or two o clock

your father and Cynthia went to Trenton meeting came home after the afternoon meeting they enjoyed it very much our meeting will begin tommorow the girls are busy Cynthia says "there is room for you Mother there" pointing to this part of the sheet so I'll try to finish it. Last night after they came home from Trenton it commenced raining and rained all night - the rain has ceased now but there is no brightening of the sky yet. - The ministers are invited here to tea today - to John Tighe's to dinner - tomorrow, to Mrs. Griffith's by the church to dinner and to Hugh Thomas' to tea - We have made pies, cookies and cakes and one large baking of bread - are preparing to bake another this morning - expect also to cook some fresh beef and make rice-pudding - (will we do?) Sarah finished, last evening, what ironing must be done before meeting - and we

think we shall get along pretty well with the work today - We bought a quarter of beef from Pierce - he brought it here yesterday - also Lewis and our folks bought of him a fat pig which is not yet killed - Have you done anything about that house yet? Hiro is chinad? We are all pretty well and send love Jennie Everett

Dear Anna – I think I will have no trouble in bringing the things you sent for, and will do so with pleasure. I am sorry not to come to Rome sooner, but we find so much more to do than we expected, that I do not see how I can before our meeting Then as the Gen. will be coming out immediately, I am afraid I cannot come till Mon. or Tues. I saw Hannah Prichard in Trenton. She is going to stay around here awhile after meeting. I saw Janet Jones. She said she had called to see you. I have put two 1 quart bottles in my trunk. Jane said you wanted them. Jane wants me to tell you that she has a little girl, just as you wanted to lie under your quilt. She is very much pleased with the quilt and Mrs. Wms. and the children admired it very much, all excepting Miss Baby, who is too spunky to admire anything

I don't know that she is really spunky, but she is strong and has good lungs. We feel quite anxious lest we lose the opportunity of engaging that house on account of your waiting to hear more from us. I suppose Mary had better engage it before she comes home. Eddie says he can't cry any more, because his little cousin will do all the crying. When he went down to see it he forgot to notice how many fingers it had, but I told him I knew for I counted 4 on each hand - "Aunt Cynthia counted them, he ~~explained~~ there were 4 on each hand, that makes 12." Maggie is delighted with her sister, the boys looked very sober at first, and hardly looked at her, but they are fast getting over it. Onie wrote to Uncle Will about it, and Robbie carried the letter to the office, and bought the baby a rattle with his own money. He carried it to his mother and told her not to send it out to the kitchen for he didn't want the rest to see it. He tried to get his mother an orange but couldn't find one. I am much obliged to Mary for mailing my letter. It brought what I requested day before yesterday. I'll not take time to answer Mary's letter now I hope to see you both soon —

Love from

Sister Cynthia.

Turin, July 3rd/68.

Dear Sister Mary

Your welcome letters were received in due time, and glad we were to get them. I was somewhat disappointed not to see Jennie here, but it is so very warm she would hardly enjoy it much. We are having good meetings. I was expecting to see Mr. Phillips here. Wm. T. Lewis and his wife and Wm. D. Prichard and his wife are attending the meeting. I concluded not to go to Trenton Falls, as I would have to cut my visit so short. I have been to Henry Prichards and staid one night with Jan. She said she wished Mary was here. I visited all

my old boarding places that are on the road that runs by the schoolhouse. I could not get to Tyler Hadleys, though I met him several times and received cordial invitations to call. Eugene Teft is in Owens and Davies' store here. I had quite a pleasant chat with him this ~~afternoon~~ morning. I came down with Addie and Mary Ann last evening and attended the meeting. found Eddie in the store when meeting was out; He took a very unexpected turn when he decided to accompany some of the party who were going on to see some friends in Syracuse. He feels troubled because he disappointed our folks who met the train at the depot. The trip has done him good. however, he has been out of the store

but very little for some time. I called with Will this morning to see Delia. This afternoon I am going to take tea with Eddie at Mr. Moseley's the man who was so sick last winter. There is no use in my trying to write much news as I intend to go home on the afternoon train Monday if it does not rain. You need not take the trouble to meet me, for I can leave my things at the Depot and walk up after the evening train comes in. Perhaps I'll stop at Evan Williams'. I hope Jimmie was able to go down to Utica so as to see Ottie before she left. I am glad to get the things you sent. I wore my buff dress to meeting this afternoon and borrowed a thin cape of Sarah Lyman. I was in to the lodge a little

while Jnco. was. I rode down and back the same night - with Wm. Roberts people. I wonder how this warm weather affects Anna. I want to see her and you all. It seems as though I had been from home two or three weeks. I have had a very pleasant time however. I do not think I can find anything here for a heading for the folds on my dress. Perhaps it will look well stitched. Now I must close. Much love to all from

Sister Cynthia.

[1867]

Whitestown Feb.

Dear Amy,

I have no better paper at hand now, so will you excuse me, please? I have but little spare time. I went to the lecture at the Mills last Wednesday, and staid at Uncles intending to return the next morn but it stormed so that I did not get back till Sat. I went to see cousins Robert, and Lewis and Margaret. I am going to the lecture to night with Ella R. William Roberts daughter. Her cousin will take us up. Mr.

Curtiss, from Brooklyn I think, will lecture. I read last evening again. There were six Essays read, and Miss Beecher read a paper. I think the Exercises were the best we have had. Eddie is looking quite well now. I was over to his room twice Sat, and saw him at Mrs. Ellis Mon. Annie thanks you very much for that tatting. It is very pretty. I am very much obliged to Jane and Sarah for the collar and cuffs. Please write me what you hear from John. Lincoln, I presumed passed through here to-day, on his way to Utica

S. Price got here safely Monday
and brought that little pacage.
That piece like your dress was
admired very much. I expect
the bell to ring for me every
moment. Don't be uneasy
about us. I am going to see
Eddie every saturday I am
here I guess. He looks much
better than he did. Do write
soon and let ~~me~~ know how
you all are. I am in great
haste. Love to all from
your sister

Cynthia.

Rome, Oct 28, 1868

Dear Sister Mary,

Your letter was received from you yesterday. We were very much pleased to get Jessie's and [illegible] [illegible] letters in one, but were [illegible] grieved to hear of Dr. Williams sudden death. Give your [illegible] my sympathy and love, if you have an opportunity. [illegible] must [illegible] desolate indeed now.

You will see by [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] be engaged from both sides, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sorry. She is getting over it [illegible] [illegible] quite [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

If you have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] would like the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trimmed and made out of the [illegible], [illegible] like my [illegible].

quite a notion of me doing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
a day next [illegible] write about you. Thank
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Remsen, Feb. 6, 1869

Dear Sisters,

Mr. Phillips is going to the village in a few minutes to take the cars to go to Bethania, where he is to preach to-morrow, so I take a half sheet, as I will not have time to fill a whole one before he goes. We received the letter announcing your arrival Thurs. We are very sorry about the sachel, but ma says "tell her not to worry about it, ~~and~~ as it is not so great a loss as the burning of the Academy in Prospect or the factory in Stittville" Tommy inquired at the depot in Remsen, and was told that it started on the same train that you did.

Mrs. Wm. Griffiths died yesterday. She is to be buried to-morrow & the funeral to be in our church, at 2 o-clock.

We are anxious to hear how Jennie

feels and prospers.

We are all pretty well now. We have just passed through, or rather there has passed over us another great storm. It calmed yesterday afternoon and is very pleasant to-day. They will be obliged to open the roads again. Mother is very anxious that you should not fret about your sachel even if you do not recover it — as we hope you will. She wants you to keep your mind as easy as you can, so that you may get the benefit of your trip. Eddie has taken a great fancy of playing school, and is learning almost unknown to himself. He and Robbie have written to their father again to forward a letter you and Robbie had written in Oct. and that came to Robbie this week from the dead letter office. We have found out who young Mr. Herbert is. Do you see the Tribune? I have read to the girls (Sarah, Anna and Debbie) some in the Higher Christian Life and they like it very much. I commenced in the beginning, where you and Anna had read. Sarah's dress is nearly done but the waterproof isn't cut out. We'll do that to day, I guess. It was too bad that you had so many runs to the depot for nought [illegible]. Good bye now. Don't fret about the sachel. Let us hear soon.

Love from all, sister Cynthia.

Whitestown, March 18, 1861.

My Dear [illegible],

I am beginning to think that I must begin to write again, or I shall not be able to come out at the end of the term clear of letter debts. I have one, I think you perhaps remember of quite long standing, but I fear it will be quite as much as I can do at present, fairly to pay up the debt, to say nothing of the interest. I am beginning to feel restless, disinclined to study much, and disinclined to write at all. I say to myself it is because the term is so nearly closed, and I am thinking yes I am thinking of coming home. I wish the effect upon me was not just what it is because

to be filled out with a family record that was in Robert's room and is in a black frame. Mrs. Williams, my room mate's mother, says she took such a one there for Robert to fill out for her, and it was never returned. I think the one at home must be it, if you think so and have opportunity please send it. If there is any old ribbon at home that would answer as temporary ties for my hood, I would like them. I went to Dr. Priest, the Sat. I had engaged, and found in consequence of a letter from some of my sisters stating that they would not be able to be at his room that day, he, classing me with the rest of the Everetts had engaged other patients, so that he could not attend to me till afternoon. He filled two of my back teeth with cement, then, as I was obliged to hurry to the stage for

it prevents my accomplishing as much as I otherwise might. My health has not been better, I think it has not been so good, for a long time as it is at present. I saw Eddie at his room Saturday and at Church yesterday, and caught a glimpse of him at Chapel this morning. He seems very well, and gets along much better with his Grammar than when you were here. David looks pretty well, too. They both went, in company with most of the school boys to Utica to day to see our Republican President. I have not seen them since they returned. If some of our folks come down before we go home will they please bring, if ma thinks best, a few of the pictures that were formerly in the Den. I think Mrs. Ellis would like them much. She lent several Cenika's with them in and they were not returned. Do you recollect that sheet intended

told me I needn't pay till next time. I have
had not yet had my black front tooth
filled, and hardly know whether I
had better have it done or not.
I wish very much some of you could
come down. Have you had the
[illegible] of any school [illegible] yet?
It is almost dark, and I must go to the
[illegible]. [illegible] know, but [illegible]
just a letter writing one. I received a
Centinel to-day. Many thanks for it.
Have you heard anything lately from
John. What suffering there is at present
in Kansas! I am almost afraid that
some of you are sick, or we should see or
hear from you. How are all the little folks,
and the great folks too? Give my love to [illegible].
I suppose Eddie will soon be writing to
you about Lincoln. Write soon.

Cynthia.

P.S. How is Annie? Does she knit any now?
I intend to write to Jennie soon.

Dear Sister Mary

Your wonderfully welcome letter [illegible]

a cheery one to me that [illegible]

really grown anxious about

you all, especially the feeble ones.

I am glad you have been

[illegible] visit home. My heart is

with you often. I would like so

much to join Anna in her [illegible]

the garden. [illegible] My work [illegible]

[illegible] change. I have a [illegible]

in my care. [illegible] have your

making out a list of great [illegible]

mothers and brothers. After the [illegible]

that little Nat Philosoph[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the

form of a composition — My old
class and I had a very interesting
time one day comparing a stone
and a tree, one writing on a blackb-
a list of the things they had in com-
[illegible]
— They are fond of such exer-
cises. Nothing pleases them better
than the suggestion that we have a
talk. —— We have delightful weather
cool, with frequent showers.
Yesterday some of us went to
visit the jail.
We saw about a doz. women
most in for theft. One poor crea-
ture said she was taken for knock-
ing another — — Miss Parsons, from
Mass one of the S— teacher,
was with us. While she taught in
Boston and in years ago she kept
a S.S. in the Penitentiary and
knew just how to talk to them —

poor woman was in ... own property.
But what made me ... worse was to see the long line of boys that they drew up ... for us to see, some were no bigger than Maggie. I could not keep from crying to ... One said they told him they arrested him for vagrancy. "the was a boy" Poor child, said Miss Farewell, couldn't you find any thing to do? No ma'am ... the answer. One said this was their first arrest and assured ... it should be their last. On enquiry we learned that one used to attend our school ... the ... and he promised Miss ... that he would try to ... back to ... The keeper and his wife are ... She is daughter of one of the ... owners of S. C. ... intelligence. We only saw the colored inmates, but were told there were ... white. They are taught nothing, have nothing to do so the keeper's wife expressed it but to hatch up mischief all day long. ... some of them could read ... she said yes, but they had nothing to read ... and I am sure ...

[illegible] the Eng. church [illegible]
[illegible] sent to me can not
be put to better service than
by being placed in the hands
of these poor boys. [illegible]
[illegible] very easily touched
your poor colored people
are arrested for slight of-
fences often &c. After supper tonight
[illegible] (the old [illegible]
[illegible] watching me said I [illegible]
[illegible] to stir the [illegible]
then I pasted nice yellow
[illegible] the copies of the S.S.
[illegible] the paper [illegible] which [illegible] going to [illegible]
there that they may at least
[illegible] within their reach [illegible]
[illegible] their own silly
songs to sing. If I were going to
stay here [illegible] I should like to
have a class there on Sundays.
they have no S.S. there and very
[illegible] Poor
[illegible] they ought to be in a
[illegible] school. Ask God to
[illegible] them and send them some
instruction. Mr. Dawson, the
keeper has an adopted daughter in [illegible]
College, just about to graduate
A little sister of hers we saw. She is
[illegible] but it is hard to
believe it when she is so fair
and bright and rosy lipped
[illegible] with light soft hair and blue eyes.

Cousin Ottie's address

411 West Monroe St. Chicago.

Remsen, Apr. 21, 1869

Dear Mary,

I am much obliged to you for your perscription to me. Honey is very good. I am better than I was a few weeks ago. Anna received your letter yesterday. She says she (or we) will write soon in regard to the project you suggest. She thinks she is gaining now at home. She took one of the powders you sent the next morning after ~~you~~ we received it, but could not see that her head was any better. She appears to be growing a little stronger for a few weeks, which we think very favorable at this time of the year, but her head is worse since the damp weather came on. The snow has disappeared very rapidly this week. Monday my flower bed was all [illegible] with snow. To day

Perhaps that little tub will be of some use to Mrs. L. She thinks it quite a cunning little thing.

[illegible] is her yarn [illegible] the window, snow [illegible] morning [illegible]

there is none on it. There is still some forlorn kind of sleighing, but we must soon start out our wagons. They are now used in Remsen. Mr. Philips took the sleigh to Ty Coch yesterday to carry his things there. He is going there to board, went last evening. Mother is starting a fresh tub of butter to Mrs. Dozier this morning. She wrote to have her settle with you for it, but ma would like to know what you get for it, as there is some in it besides our own. We got a large assortment of flower seeds from Mr. Vick this Spring for advertising on the Cen. We have most of the varieties planted in the house. Some are up beautifully, but as fast as they gain a little growth the bugs or worms eat them off, not all as yet but far too many. If you see anyone who has had experience in such matters ask what we can do to prevent it. Our dirt is from under the compost heap by the horse barn with some from

the woods and last years hot bed mixed
with sand on top. Perhaps it ought not to
be so rich, but they start nicely, so we and
the bugs think. (We watered them with
lime water yesterday, and think there
was less mischief done last night than
usual. The feasts are all held in the
night, and we have been discussing the
propriety of keeping a light burning near
them all night to frighten the revellers
back under ground. I don't think they
touch the roots. The birds "sing like mad"
this morning. Flocks of pigeons pass us
now and then. How soon do you suppose
it will grow uncomfortably hot in
New York? I wish we knew just what
would be best for Anna. I should think
the boarding place you mention
would be as pleasant as need be. Anna
thinks if she stays away Miss W. [illegible]
think her as amiable as you represented her.
Did you hear that Robt Hughes has a little son. Jane doesn't
gain very fast, her head troubles her, and she is very
nervous—

Cynthia

thinks you must have but three weeks or so in a month down there as you say that half of $25 per month makes $4.50 per week - how is it? What do you pay for board - or what would we have to pay if we went down? You know I would like very much to escape from the office for a while, but if Anna does not go down now, I suppose that it would be easier for me to get away when it is not such a busy time on the farm as it will be right away now. Don't you think I am capable of doing something else besides setting type? I think most any change would be acceptable - I have not been feeling very well lately and therefore have written no letters - I am sorry I neglected sending an answer about that velvet cape. Of course I have no objection for you to put it to the best and most serviceable use you can - I think it will look nicely made into a sack. Anna wants to know whether we had not better return to you that light sack you sent home with me. She

Says if not you ought to get something instead of it. - Give much love for me to Mrs. [illegible] Josiah [illegible] as I enjoyed [illegible] I want to send love also to Mr. Hogg and family but I will try to write soon again to Mrs. J. [illegible] New York [illegible] Mr. Jones [illegible] Affly your sister

Norfolk. ~~Dec~~ Jan. 4, 1866

Dear Mary,

Your letter from home gave me a great surprise. Now, I must give you one. It is greatly ~~feared~~ that we must close our schools this week. We will know positively tomorrow, then I will try to write again. If we do, we, Mrs. [illegible] and myself expect to be sent to Florida. Where it is said there is one long Indian summer from Nov. to May. If we go, possibly we will be called to go thro. New York by outside passage, which will be the cheapest way. We wrote to the rooms yesterday, signifying our readiness to go, and I asked them if they did wish us to go that way to please send you a line telling by what steamer we would come, so that if you can as well as not, you

you can meet me. so if you get a letter from them, don't be frightened I thought they might telegraph to us and so give me no time to write. The reason for closing the schools is this. A great expenditure has already been made here. They had decided to withdraw from this place and send missionaries to more ~~neglected~~ fields, but were made to expect confidently that the city authorities would help support the schools. In this they are thus far disappointed. The appropriation bill for that purpose has time and again been prevented from passing the city council by an influential rebel.

To-night the question will be settled then I will try to write again.

I am much better than when I wrote about my health before, perhaps the aconite does me good. Vacation did, I am sure. Did Anna get the Magnolia leaf I sent her in a large envelope?

Love from

Cynthia.

Norfolk, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] would be assessed on [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] bonus [illegible]
economical [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] happy in our work [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Our [illegible]
[illegible] of meetings [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] other school [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Norfolk, Mar. 4 [illegible]

Dear Mary

Our steamer [illegible] down the river [illegible] but [illegible] in the [illegible] back [illegible] 1. 9. [illegible] [illegible] We will [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] morning

In great haste

[illegible]

We will not start from here till Tuesday, we think now, after conversing with Mr. & [illegible] Possibly we may remain.

Cynthia (?)

Brd Ship Manhattan
Tues. Morning

My darling

I am [illegible] a [illegible] after
[illegible] page. I have [illegible] for [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
acquaintances. The lady whom you
[illegible] so much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] very cordial, and [illegible] [illegible]
the words which I am listening. I heard
her call the waiter the first night, and as he
didn't hear her, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
the [illegible] very sick. [illegible] [illegible] before I [illegible]
her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the first night and a part of [illegible]
Tuesday
[illegible] [illegible] quite rough [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I had
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sitting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We have one old [illegible] lady from Canada
travelling to [illegible] South Carolina [illegible]
[illegible] find [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in the same [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] good company. then we have
a gentleman from the City. he [illegible]
devoted to the interest of [illegible] Canada
We call him Mr. [illegible]
(he is a young man [illegible])
[illegible] is Mr. Butler, [illegible] from Charleston
[illegible] is Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] a graduate from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] graduate of the [illegible]
[illegible] speech [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] stories of [illegible]
[illegible] and other [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I once good bye. I could hardly trust

to throw x [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

be glad to [illegible]

Give kind regards [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for the Summer –

you will write very soon, of course.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] not know it [illegible]

[illegible]

Tues. night – ½ past 11 [illegible]

[illegible] in Charleston. [illegible]

[illegible] till morning. We

laid at anchor outside the bay from

near noon till about 9 waiting for

high tide that we might cross the bar

2

The lady with a baby is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] insanity [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Remsen Oct. 12, 1871

Dear Mary

We hope this evenings mail will bring us something from you. Last night was good enough to bring the enclosed from Jennie, Dear me, when I called out to you in the yard that I shouldn't say good by, I little supposed I should be cheated out of the chance of saying so at all. Last evening I rode to the village with father for the mail, and called at Mr. Evans the minister. Mrs. Evans inquired about you. said you had called on her two or three times and added "She is very lively isn't she". Father and mother came home all right but quite tired ma especially but they are getting over it.

I must stop Ever so much love and a great many kisses. Kind regards to old friends

Cynthia

What a dreadful thing the fire in Chicago is!

Father spoke quite discouraged on going to bed last night "I am afraid I can't rest much, as I have slept in the day time", but he did sleep first rate. Went to bed at nine and slept till half past four. Sarah and I are well. Stephen is all right again. Went to bed early and was pretty well next day. Libbie thinks his cold is breaking up - it makes a good deal of noise about it, so that he seems pretty badly off. I have a letter from Mrs. Warren address to you for me at 44, 7th St. I will send it by and by for you to read.
I have written at a queer rate had a sheet for you and one for the girls and another for J. Eddie at the same time. While Sarah or Ina took up one to read I snatched an other to write, so as to be through when Robbie was ready to start for the village.

Thurs. Oct 19, 1871

Dear Sister Mary

Your letter reached us night before last; and at the same time came one from Jennie saying that John Eddie is quite well. That was in a note to Ma. Mine I think I will enclose. I sent one from them before care Rev. J. J. Jones. Pa sent them $15. yesterday and I gave your present address. They will probably be home by the middle of next week. Mr. Davies goes to Utica next Monday. Lewis commenced printing 1st form to day.

Poor Mrs. Smith, how my heart bleeds for her. I shall write to her before long. I shouldn't have thought that possible in Mr. Smith.

Our apples are all in!

that is, unless you have some secrets. Mr. Davies is trying to make love to Sarah!!! But doesn't succeed very well — makes her sick at her stomach. Last night he smoked a pipe, the 1st in a long time. We haven't told anybody about this so you keep still and burn it up. Nonsense over a time Sis.

Pa says you had better not send us any money. He has a little on hand, none of us are in distress! He The note on Pa. had better be changed soon as he had had it a good while. I suppose good. Mr. Jones will keep some of it for you. Sarah ~~was~~ very sick for a time last week, vomited a good deal, but was more than usually careful ~~about~~ - over exerting herself when recovering and gets over it better than usual. She washed yesterday but it was too rainy to dry the clothes. Kind regards to Dr. L. am glad he speaks hopefully about my recovery. Many thanks for the medicine you didn't send. We have had no letter from Eddie since you were home but Sarah Lyman said that he was well.

When I commenced your letter this morning I thought we were going to send to the post but was disappointed. So there has been quite a scattering among our gentlemen acquaintance on 7th St. Is Mr. Lund and Mr. Kline in the city? Mother did get the satchel and spec case. How pretty that is. The picture too of Myfanwy and her pa and ma we liked very much. We have just been putting out the clothes. Sarah wants me to tell you that it is freezing hard. As to my health, I do not feel so distressed in spirits as I did, and pretty courageous and cheerful. But get tired about my mouth, and inclined to draw it out of shape. The weather is nearly all the time clouded and I have an almost dail[y] ride with father to the villag[e]

E. F. father and mother have chairs at their seats at the table when in a the little kitchen as I sit with my back to the fire.

Going around more than usual when Sarah was sick affected me as usual but I took sitzbaths, bringing great relief. Instead of being miserable after it as I feared I feel quite well, sleep well and am a little inclined to be lazy, can lounge now all I please.
Father and mother seem to have rested well by this time. Mrs. Jones took tea with us night before last. They are printing first form today. Callie was busy scribbling the other day writing to you, she said and then she ran around, pencil and paper in hand, crying out I am writing to you to let you know that Callie has stopped biting her nails. Maggie says she really has stopped. You promised her a picture, didn't you if she came off victor. Maggie thinks she has earned a reward in the same way but believes she hasn't had it. We had a great time yesterday watering the plants, we brought most of them to the sink and doused them. Poor things, they were thirsty enough. Gershom Griffiths and his wife, and wife's brother are visiting in the neighborhood. Sarah is making cake for fear they will come here hungry.
Have you seen Dr. Allen yet. Tell us about your prospects as fast as you learn them

Hanover, Oct 27, 81.

Dear Sister

Last evening when Nellie returned from the village the sitting room door burst open, some little fellow marched, who, seeing Sarah, exclaimed "Hullo! how do you do, Sister?" We were glad to welcome him, and the girls too, you may be sure. Anna looked pretty tired, but they had a pleasant journey. They started 6 o-clock Tues. morning reached Springfield 6 that evening stopped at the Cooley House. Had pleasant accommodations, took supper in their room of their lunch and breakfast at the table, left there at 9 o-clock next morning, and reached home at evening.

Eddie had to pay half price from Springfield to Utica.

He has a nice suit for 6~~x~~ dollars which Elisibeth and Jennie selected for him. It is suit of dark color, the pants button on the lining of the vest in the back and on a strip sewed across under near the bottom of the front. He is proud of the vest. "It has no sleeves" he says, "but is just like a man's". Lizzie sent me a pretty tie and Hattie sent Sarah a nice bow and Elisabeth ma a pair of woollen stockings which she knit herself. B. B. gave Jennie and Anna together a copy of Tennyson's poems. If you had been home I suppose there would have been something for you.

We are all ever so glad that you have got a watch. Father and mother were much pleased. Was it $58 or $55 that you paid for it — We couldn't tell.

Sarah says they will probably
send the butter early next week
It has been quite warm and
we were afraid to send it;
We will write when we do so.
We had a pleasant visit with
Gershom Griffith and his wife
last Saturday. Mrs. Owen Evans's
wife took tea here. Mrs. Will
J.'s wife was here at noon
and I drove her as far as Mr.
Pierce on the way to her sisters.
Yesterday we had company fr.
Lewiston, and to-day Maggie
spent the day with us.
We fear we cannot get Len
out before Wednes.
I took the medicine you sent
do not know that it has affected
me particularly. 2 or 3 days
after my head was very
sensitive, the forhead especially
the skin was sensitive and there

seemed pressure from within
It was sunny that day
and I was at the sink awhile
in the sun. I have that same
feeling some yet when tired but it is
much better. We have been quite
favored with cloudy weather
~~last~~ Day before yesterday about
3 o clock. father mother and I
went to Remsen, took tea with
Maria Samuel.

Ellen has just come over for
water. She had her upper teeth all
extracted yesterday (or rather 9 ~~8~~ of
them) all she needs to have taken
out. She took chloriform
The gums feel mean she says,
but she seems to have stood it
very well. Tommy Jones was
not burnt out in Chicago. Ed.
Josiah was. We haven't heard
from cousins.

Warmest love from
all Cynthia.

Texsien Dec. 6/75

My dear Sister

What a cheery time we had here ~~one~~ busy Cenhadur ~~time~~ day last week! I was taking a little rest, as you know I <u>sometimes</u> do, when in came Eddie with the mail, which was kind enough to favor us with dear family letters; a few lines from John with short letters to Jennie and me, one from sister E. to mother, and a lively talk from Hattie with Sarah. They put in their's the sweetest, smiling, baby face I almost ever saw. You may guess whose it was! That was not all, our New York sister had not forgotten us. and her letter enclosed a picture which made us think another friend remembered us still.

Anna is now playing and she and Sarah singing the song "ninety and nine." I wish you could hear them. Anna is pretty well, tho' not over strong. She keeps very busy, has learned a good deal of father's short-hand.

Thank him kindly for sending it. We were all pleased to see it, though we rather guessed it represented the greatest "sinner" in New York! Wm. sends "kind regards to Mr. Scott and other inquiring friends, if there are any" Sarah also sends kinds regards and adds, "tell him I hope soon to hear that he is caught in a matrimonial scrape! I think his picture makes him look rather sanctimonious" You see the overcoat reminds her of the bishop's gown!

I should like to have shared the pleasant visit you mentioned having with Mr. & Mrs. Milbank. Would like to send a kind message to them. I am glad you have so well learned how to make Decalcomanie pictures. The one you sent me is lovely. The dear little birdie has not yet hopped on the nest, so of course the eggs are not hatched, but she still opens her mouth for a song, and looks happy as ever. Eddie says he hopes to send your cards on the 15th sooner he hopes. You must have tired of looking. Did you send message of cards you had got in N. Y.? We all hope to go to Dr. Price's to prayer meeting and it is near time, so I must stop chatting with you. Kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. Mc. and relatives. How pleased I should to meet his sister again.

A fond kiss from your loving

Sister Cynthia

Remsen, Feb 17, 1876

Dear Sister,

Yours was received yesterday - we are very glad to hear you are doing better in practice &c. I ought to answer your letter but the truth is I cannot find it = it has gone astray somewhere - Do you remember the sum total? Mother says you may keep that you have from Mrs. Jones towards it = I will try to write soon - Frank intends going to Kansas next week as John is wanting him - his wife will not go now. We are having some interest in our church - prayer meetings nightly - the storm prevented last night - all well and send love -

POSTAL CARD.

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N.Y.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

M. H Everett M D
433 W 34 St
New York

Feb 26 1870

Thanks [illegible] very much for your good letter to [illegible] which [illegible] us yesterday morning [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] with dear father "a happy year", and our lonely year without him. Mother is pretty well, [illegible] thinks of the absent one a great deal. Frank went to Kansas this week [illegible] [illegible]. His father is not in good health and [illegible] to send him so he [illegible] that he could hardly [illegible] to visit on the way. We hope a card will come from him soon. He left [illegible] with a good bye [illegible] one - it was hard to leave it. but [illegible] no doubt - good will follow his journey - Sister E. writes us though they were all pretty well Lizzie is [illegible] [illegible] of returning to [illegible] [illegible] Will [illegible] the "Uncle Tom's" next week by express to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yesterday had a nice visit there. Jennie [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] they will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sister C.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

Mary H. Everett

433 West 34th St.

New York

Dear Mary - Thank you
for your little card -
we cannot very well
go while the roads are
so that the horse can-
not go to the village -
besides I have made
no arrangement about
some one in my place
in the office - We
are getting a good start
on Lenhadine - first form
more than two thirds up.
Mary Evans has made my
dress all but the over-sack
that I'll leave now unmade.
Wish you could have had a
cake of that butter if you want
it - but you'll be getting fresh
soon! - The girls are busy,
busy sewing these days -
All pretty well and unite
in love to you both -

United States

POSTAL CARD.

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To M. H. Everett M.D.

333 W 34 St

Apr. 9. New York

REMSEN APR 10 N.Y.

1870s(?)

Mon. June 22.

Mollie dear

This little plaything whi[ch]
I enclose I got down ~~to the~~ at the
edge of the woods this morning ~~when~~
I rode with Frank in the lumber
wagon as he went for some
old rails for wood.

I thought the ramble was
excellent med. for me, but
I am not quite well yet, as
this troublesome report ~~tells~~

+Wednes June 10
Sat. " 13 twice
Sun. " 14
Tues. " 16
Wednes. " 17
Thurs. " 18
Friday " 19
Sat. " 20
Mon. " 22

I do not think my late spells have been severe — your letter of June 10th was most welcome wish I might have answered it before this Amanda went home with Sarah yesterday morn so as to go with them to Mrs. James funeral which is to be to-morrow at 1 o'clock Father and mother expect to start for Elyria in a few minutes (a little after tea) to stay there to night and attend the funeral to-morrow.

This makes their Utica journey a day or two later

For a No. of days I have had a very loose movement of the bowells about one a day, but take no medi— Ought I to, I wonder?

Could you recommend any more effectual remedy for to-bacco disease if old longings again overcome me?

We are all pretty well.

Your loving
Sister Lic[illegible]

Monday Morning

Dear Mary

Will you not write immediately about the shawl if you have not done so; as the time for selling such is passing and I dislike to keep it long and then return it. For fear you did not get the letter in which I spoke of it. I will tell again what it is. Like Sarah's single shawl but more white in it, which ma would like to give you unless you have got one, or would "prefer one different". I had one of those uncoscious spells Friday eve, slight, and another yesterday morning, have had a good [illegible]

of disorder of the stomach and pain in the bowels, but feel better this morning. Ippecack relieved me Sat. evening, and I think am gradually getting over it; so that I will not probably need to take any thing else. I think fatigue, more than my food disturbed me., tho eating Mackeral to tea when tired caused it first—over a week ago. I was quite sick that evening.

Last Saturday there came a letter, from to pa cousin Josephine Hughes (cous. Robert's daughter) saying that they had met with a deep affliction, that her bro. Eddie had died very suddenly, that she had'nt time to give the particulars that the funeral was to be at 2 yesterday, that Ma and Annie had gone West over a week ago, and signed herself as very much

needing his sympathy and prayers.
The paper stated that he died suddenly of obstruction of the bowels.
Lewis, Jane and Sarah went to the funeral with Lyle and Lewis' carriage, leaving Charley here.
They went Sunday (yesterday) morn and are to return today. The mother is lonely. He was 14 years old.
Mrs. Evan Williams is visiting us. She sends her love in bundles, hopes much to see you when you come, sends her No. is keeping house, and means to return this week. 50 Lansing St. Go straight up John, the next beyond Bleecker, one block from the corner of John on the cor. of 1st St. a brown house, living up stairs.
Excuse haste. Anna has written on Sat. I suppose her letter will reach with this. Write if it does. Love from all and a doz. extra kisses from Sis.

We would like to know how
your patients are getting along
Rev. J. J. Jones gives you quite
a puff in " " ent. Cen.

Dear Sister

You have not been out of our thoughts of late, although we have been pretty silent, though I think at least one of us have had a few penned thoughts sent you. Your letters, and card to J. E. you may be sure were all welcome. Anna succeeded in so soon restoring her throat that it was all right before your directions reached. She neither looks nor feels very strong but I tell you she is wonderfully industrious. She weighs 92 lbs. and Sarah 95. Arn't they each heavy! They ~~ate~~ and William walked together to the village last Thursday afternoon, as it was very pleasant, and attended Baptist meeting twice, returning in the evening. Anna got a ride part way back with David Price's folks. After having weighed them each at a store, Wm. forgot to get weighed himself!

sad, and as quite weak, and longing to see us. that Ma wrote Sunday, and sent it with George to mail mon. morning, earnestly advising him to arrange things to come home for at least a short stay, and offering to send immediately enough for his payment of passage, if he would send word he would come. She and I had sent down a letter to P. O. Sat. eve. that was left, and his sai[illegible] brought up, so we think that and Ma's Sunday one will both reach him at the same time. Eddie has returned from Turin, things we had sent him to read, and mentioned much sympathy for him, as though he would write to him. Nate's sister is there and very welcome came there about a week ago — Excuse such a long letter, don't try to read it all. [illegible] you [illegible] so near [illegible] from Sis [illegible]

They took to Mary Ann, Hugh Thomas' wife the medicine you left for her, and she was much pleased to get it. Jennie's ears at times were naughty last week, but she seems so decidedly better now that we are all pleased about it. She taught her S. S. class sunday. All seemed pleased. Ma and I stayed, but did not go at evening. Jennie was taken home with Jennie Griffith; went over for a while to see our niece, Jane Ester. Jennie was brought home next morning, as it rained at evening and they didn't come down. Ma and I stayed home too. Sarah kept me company all night, and Jennie seems much refreshed after her return. She and Ma went down once last week to Wm Thomas' house and Jennie walked for awhile up to Mrs. Mitchel's. She gave Jennie some plants to slip and a nice fresh boquet for me. Hinckley was home on a short visit, and they said he and his mother meant to come to see me, before he went away. She failed to get up as she had company &c. but he was up for awhile last evening

and said she and his sister meant to get up here sometime this week surely. He expected to leave home this morning to go for awhile to the Centenial and in about two weeks to start for Germany, expecting to remain there two years. He has studied it till he can both read and talk German and of course understand. He has gained in health, and thinks the journey and new things there may be of great interest, and further gain.

Jimmie gave him your card, so if in N. Y. he can chance to call you may recognize.

Some of the trains from Utica to N. Y. I think two he says sell tickets for 3 dollars, one way, without requiring return ones. Something I believe against each other, but I do not remember the names of the trains. William has not had that pamphlet from Vermont, and has not the address, and so cannot send for a sample of the medicine. Please send the address or pamphlet. He has not had to take Dr King's med since you were home. Takes what you re comended when attacks threaten. Yesterday and to-day he is very industrious hoeing potatoes I tell you they are thrifty. Strawberries in our field have made Sarah, Anna and I very industrious for a few days. Some promise well in the garden but will not be ripe for a good while. What we pick are smaller than what you brought.

Sarah says your med. has restored her pretty well - She is much pleased to feel so much better - Oh! carpet and paper both look nice now in sitting room, and paper in Kitchen - The horse does not recover by what you recomended I think takes nothing now but has had trial awhile ago, has the diarreah very bad, but brushed up seems better looking; now is let to eat in the field, it is so warm and nice that it is a luxury to her - Ma and Anna are reading proof - Ma is pretty well for her, of course she doesn't feel very stout, but she and we all are very glad you made ought to come home Wednes. morn. - ! - After Supper, Eddie went down to Lewis' after the mail they had there, and your letter to Anna about your expected glimpse of Centenial &c. and the nice shawl (you sent) to mother were very welcome - Ma has not tried the shawl yet, - ~~Some one~~ will write more direct about it after time has been taken to examine it some. We fear there some faults in fringe

I ask John Eddie if he has a message - He says "ask her to get me a lunch box that will shut up, and I will send pay for it when it comes". He attends school pretty often just now, perhaps you can tell if it worth while or not as a tin pail doesn't break his arms - but it is pretty big for him -

We have had no visit with sister Jane since you and I were there, so we cannot tell just how she is - We are much pleased with your report about your last Sabbath meeting - Dear Sister I hope you will feel happy and at home there - A letter received from John last Saturday eve. we lent Lewis, and I haven't it to copy now - He wrote so

sad, and as quite weak, and longing to see us; that Ma wrote Sunday, and sent it with [illegible] to mail [illegible]

[illegible] June 8 18[illegible]

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word of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

that the thought of that mighty [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] things do not [illegible] trouble her as much as she makes [illegible] for she runs around as sprightly and happy as a little bird, and almost as mischievous as a squirrel. [illegible] away [illegible] take [illegible] 18. [illegible] do not know [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] little [illegible]

[illegible] has she [illegible]

[illegible] should [illegible]

[illegible] expected it even in [illegible], and didn't [illegible] the hearts, and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of dust and warm weather? We have had the benefit of dry sand blowing around in our faces and windows in Saratoga, we [illegible] abundance of warm [illegible] sunshine [illegible] is a very comfortable day. the last rain we have had, succeeded in putting a damper on the rising spirits of our

[illegible] roads, [illegible] the wind is blowing [illegible] [illegible], the dust is not [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] anywhere. [illegible] of the patients and myself [illegible] [illegible] overtaken by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you know [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] Friday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] any [illegible]. I saw [illegible] quite handsome young Indians on the grounds. — But I must not talk so, for [illegible] is nonsense, and [illegible] in what shape it will, it is not very [illegible] to me [illegible].

Are there [illegible] flowers in bloom in [illegible] now and [illegible] it in any:

What does Eddy [illegible] you got any boy in [illegible] place. I [illegible] all the things [illegible] before long.

I should like to see [illegible] your health pretty good [illegible] nothing [illegible] patient [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Elisha [illegible]

Sarah is getting along pretty well in general thing. though she [illegible] quite [illegible] for a few days. She is [illegible] and does not feel very badly. [illegible] you would tell me if [illegible] particular enough [illegible] Sarah [illegible] She feels better [illegible] of [illegible] morning. [illegible] health is very [illegible] little [illegible]

Wilmington N.C. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible],

We [illegible] here
[illegible] ing about 5 [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. We
had a fine ride [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] can have [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. By [illegible] change
[illegible] a friend [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
me had a [illegible] [illegible] to
sleep in, and [illegible] [illegible]
very comfortable. We [illegible]
for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
before [illegible]. We trust
He who has watched over us
thus far, will bring us safely

to our journeys end. [illegible] gets
and looks quite [illegible] this
morning. Rested nicely last night
as did I. Love to all from
me & both, Your affectionate dau.
Cynthia

I suppose we are <u>enough</u>, E. says we are, certainly, though there is some uncomfortable feeling left. I have been most sick in consequence as Sis has written Am coming out of it quite smart. None of the folks have taken it. Dr. <u>says</u> it manifests itself in 8 or 17 days after exposure so I suppose they are quite safe now.

I have had a very pleasant visit with this <u>exception</u>, but I am homesick sometimes. Wish I could be there without the journey.

J

New Hampton, Apr. 28. 185[illegible]

Dear Mother,

We have now three unanswered letters from home, one from you, one from Eddie and one from Sarah. I hope you have not been very uneasy because we have neglected to answer them before. We have been pretty busy. Yesterday a man was here whitewashing. We took the things all out of the pantry, had it whitewashed &c. and I shouldn't wonder if it looks nearly as well now as "our" pantry, which Sarah said you had cleared out. To-day, Elisabeth and I washed most of the wood-work in the kitchen. To-morrow we expect to get that finished

and to clean the wood-work in the sitting-room. Mary got too tired yesterday, and did not feel so well as usual this morning, but by this evening she has got pretty well rested. We were very glad to hear that you had got those maple trees set out. I hope they will live. I am afraid you have a great deal to do this spring. Is your health pretty good. How is Sis? I wish you could go with him to Ohio.

We had a letter from Anna a day or two ago, but have heard nothing from John for a long time. We would like much to have you mention when you write how long it is since you have heard from him. How is Aunt Sarah. Give our best love to her. I have been writing a letter to cousin Margaret Hughes which I shall

carry to the office with this. We were glad to hear that little [illegible] was getting along so nicely. Give our love to him and to his Pa and Ma and his little brother. Have Lewis and [illegible] received my letter? —— Lizzie is waiting patiently for an answer to her letter. I asked if any wanted to send word home. Elizabeth says, send our love. Lizzie asked who I was writing to, and when I said to Grandma, she said, Tell her not to forget my letter.

[illegible] talk of [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] B.B. [illegible]. Mary would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Hampton June 1 '58

Dear Mother,

I received a very short note from Mary this afternoon from Saratoga, dated Saturday, 5 P. M., merely stating that she had to stop at Dr. Strong's to rest, that she felt poorly in the morning, but better then, would write more again. She sent me $4. She took more money than she thought she would need with her because it was nearly all N. Y. money. Elizabeth wrote home after we received Mary's letter from White River Junction. We were afraid that on receiving that you would be very uneasy because Mary had not reached home. If we hear from her again, we will write and let you know. She may stop at Saratoga some time, if she has got very tired. I hope she will feel better soon. I am glad she is with Dr. Strong. As soon as she reaches home some of you will write to us, will you not. O, if I could only hear that she was safely at home; but she will be comfortable at Dr. Strong's. He wrote me before she went, and said she must call on him if she could. When have you heard from father? We are all pretty well.

Cynthia.

P. S. My health is very much better than it was. I have been very well for several days, and if I could only feel easy about Mary, should be quite happy again. I hope we have not done wrong in letting her go alone. ~~I presume~~ Perhaps Elisabeth told you that I went with her to Franklin, a few hours ride from here. Have you heard again from the girls or ~~from~~ John? I should love to see you so much, dear Mother, and feel grateful to you for offering to have me come home next vacation, but I do not think it would be best to incur the expense of journeying home so soon. Has Eddie received my letter, and will he not answer it pretty soon? How I wish I could have him here with me. How are the children. Has Robbie grown a great deal. Love to all

Cynthia.

New Hampton, [illegible] 11.

Dear Mother,

I received your letter yesterday, and am very sorry that you have been so needlessly concerned about my health. My back does not trouble me at all now, and it does not seem at all probable that it will, for Elisabeth will not let me do anything that can harm it. If I were with you mother, you could not be more careful of me, and I dare say you would not be so careful as Elisabeth is. Indeed the work that I do is so trifling as scarcely to deserve the name. I am speaking honestly, too— With regard to the house-cleaning, it was a little affair anyway. One could not well hurt herself with that, much less three. You know sister does not let her house get very dirty, nor did we clean it very thoroughly. What made me feel poorly was chiefly this, I think. The spring weather, which

always makes me feel that I am not perfect in strength. I took some pretty long, hard walks, and sometimes Mary's and my washing was rather larger than necessary, and we would get pretty tired doing that and ironing. Then I was [illegible] a good deal about Mary. — Now I hope she will reach home safely and I have nothing to trouble me, only my naughtiness. I put my washing out, do not take long walks, have but very little house work to do, and on the whole have a very easy time. I do not think there is much danger of my over-doing, (if I do, it will be entirely my own fault) but I do think there may be some danger that I will become indolent, and too much of a pleasure-seeker. — I have had only two studies, as I suppose I wrote you, but now I intend to go in to the reading class. I went in yesterday. I think it will be pleasant and not very taxing. It is a combination of spelling reading and pronouncing — All the work I have to do, which I can call hard and that does not seem hard now, because I feel well, is the mopping and sweeping. Saturdays I usually sweep the chambers and mop the halls and kitchen. Sometimes I do only a part of it on

Saturday, and a part Tuesday or Monday. Elizabeth says she would just as leave wait and rather have it left a week any time that I do not feel very well. She says she wants me to feel just as much as if I was keeping house for myself as I can, that the work I do is my work, and I have a right to do it when I please, and to leave it when I please. I know it made her feel a little badly, although she did not say so to think you were afraid she would let me overdo, and dear Father, do not be uneasy any more, for I am careful and intend to be. I feel grateful to you for your care, but would not have you be anxious. I hope my next letter will not be all about myself as this seems to be thus far. We were glad to learn that you had heard from Father. I guess I will write to him to-morrow as Sarah suggested. Thank the girls much for their letter. Tell Jennie that I could hardly resist that persuasive "Dear Cynthia write soon". I thought yesterday that I must answer it right away but as I did n't quite have time, ~~and~~ as you will hear from us by this mail, I guess I will wait a few days before.

I write to her, but she may expect a letter soon. So Jennie is not going to remain at Galesburg another year. I hope she will get another place she will like as well. How pleasant it would be to have her as near as Whitestown! She and Anna will come home will they not, as soon as school closes. Mr. Butler is gone to the Quarterly meeting. The children are pretty well, but Elisabeth is quite poorly. I wish she could have a good rest. It would do her so much good. Mr. Butler had a letter from his sister, Mrs. Thompson, several days ago saying that Alice, her little girl was very sick with the scarlet fever. We have not heard since whether she was getting better or not. We did not know, until we received your letter but that Mary had gone home I think I shall write to her soon. When have you heard from John.

When you write again tell me how your health is. I am afraid you are not feeling well. Tell Sarah if she has not got some ribbon to spare, for what I wrote about, that it is no matter. What I have will do well enough. Accept much love from us all.

Affectionately your daughter
Cynthia

1858

New Hampton July 6th

Dear Mother,

I have only time to write a few lines this evening, but I fear if you do not hear anything from us, you will be uneasy. We received your letter to Sarah's some time ago, but have been very busy, at least Elizabeth has, and I have been pretty busy, so that it is yet unanswered. I received the Gem. to day, also a letter from Sarah Amelia. Was very glad to get them both. So Eddie has got his name in the Gem, has he?

We have not heard from Mary now for some time. Perhaps she is with you I suppose Father and the girls will be home soon. How I should love to see two! — Ma, I have almost used up my 4$ that Mary sent me. I want to get me a pair of gaiters. Shoes I have are quite poor. I think I shall get them and perhaps some other things and have them charged, and if you can send me some I would like a little money before long. I got the muslin dress I bought at Concord cut and basted last week but do not seem to get

time to make it, and think
I will get it made, as
I want it. Is that right?
It is not probable that
I will write again till
the last of next week.
the first of week after
Next week are the An-
niversaries. The Examina-
tions commence Tuesday.
Please some body write
us. Love to all from all
Cynthia.

Sunday Afternoon

New Hampton, July 20/858.

Dear Father,

It did not occur to me until yesterday after-noon that you would be anxious to hear that I had received that money safely, and might expect me to write immediately. I thought then I would write after tea, but after tea, I went to have my tooth filled and entirely forgot it. We have to get our letters to the office before 8 in the evening of the day before they start. I was glad to get the money, and much obliged to you for it. I had one of my front teeth filled, where the filling came out some time ago, and got a box of tooth-powder that Mr. Jones, (the dentist) said I'd need — the charges were $1,20. He says I have two other teeth that need filling. He left the place to-day, but he comes frequently and stays for a while. He is thought to be a very good dentist I believe. He did not hurt me nearly so much as Dr. Blakely did —

I am indeed glad, dear Pa, that you have all arrived safe home. I wish you all much joy, and I can hope that wish is being fulfilled. I am glad Dr. Strong is making you a visit. I should like to be with you to see him, and you all. I hope the girls will write me before long. Now there are so many of them at home, I should think I might hear pretty often. Does Jennie still think of going to meet her class at Holyoke? I wish Anna will write us some account of her journey into Wis. Perhaps we may see some account of your journey in the pages of Cen.
I am glad that Mary's health has improved. How does it seem to be at home, Mary dear? You say Mother's health is pretty [illegible]. Ask Mary if she thinks she is better than she was before we left home—— I was quite shocked to hear of Dr. Jenkyn's death. Sarah wrote that they had merely seen an account of his death. Have you learned any further particulars of his illness, &c?

Elisabeth is busy now, but says she will try to write before long. She says, give our love to them – tell them we would like to be there too, now they are all there! If we could only go as top passengers, perhaps you would see us

before the close of the week. Our thoughts are with you often I assure you. What do you suppose makes us love home so well, Father? — When have you heard from John. It seems most too bad for you all to come home without seeing him, when you had come so near

I wish I could see you, Father, and talk about my studies We have been thinking that perhaps I had better take only english studies now, as my health did not seem very firm, but I have so long cherished a wish to study the languages, especially Hebrew, that it is hard to relinquish it. Do you think, Father that I could study Hebrew to good advantage without taking Latin? It is taught here, you know and I suppose it is not in every school. I want to speak to Mr. Brittan and Elizabeth about it again. They could advise me. Still when I am alone writing, I suppose I think more about it than when I am around, talking about different things I feel rather badly, because I have no settled course But I suppose no one can decide for me just what I shall do, and even when I plan for myself, I must remember that I can only mark a pathway. God alone

can tell whether I shall walk in it or not. I suppose if I remain here and study only the english branches, (and I do not really care a great deal about Latin or French) the English course of study, that they pursue here would be as good for me as any?—

How does it seem to have Anna and her music back? I suppose she is quite an expert player now. Sarah must be happy to have such a house-ful come at once. Did Robbie know the girls, or even his Grand-pa? How are Lewis and Jane? How is Eddie prospering. How is Aunty, and how are all? Well, I hope. I have written this in haste, Father, although I suppose it was not really necessary for me to do so, but I beg you to excuse.—Ask Sarah to please be sure remember to send home that little piece of ribbon I sent home for a sample a while ago. I suppose it was hardly safe to send it. I should feel badly if it were lost.— Hattie wants me to let her write to Grandpa. I guess I shall get a piece of paper and let her write— Much love to you and Mother and all from your affectionate— Cynthia.

N. H. Sep. 13. 1858.

Dear Father & Mother,

I have been wishing some time to hear again from home but thinking you two, might be anxious to hear from one, I have concluded not to wait longer for a letter, but to write a few lines that you may know we are well. We have been having very warm weather, but have

it is so cold that we need
thick dresses. I do not know
that I have any thing special
to write, but I can tell you
what you already know that
I think very often of you and
would love to know
just how you are. Does
Jennie improve, and how
is Mary? We feel anxious
to hear again about John.
Have you heard from him
or been able to do any
thing to assist him?
If you are not all too busy

I very much wish some one
would write me a line
before long. I am much
obliged to the girls for
writing so often along back
Wish they would do the
same again – I should
love dearly to see a
few lines from Lewis
and Jane and Anna
and Eddie once more
We are all well, and send
love. I am getting along
pleasantly with my
studies, and think I succeed

in accomplishing more
this Term than I have before
My health is better, I suppose
that is one reason.

Excuse the haste in which
I have written and do
not forget

Your Cynthia.

Turin. Tues. evening

Dear Father & Mother

I enclose a note from Onie for Maggie, which I suppose she will get from Grandpa's. I wrote a hurried note Mon. morning, but Eddie said at noon that it was too late for the mail.

I am having a very pleasant visit. I have not been around any yet. I have not felt very strong, but am getting rested and feeling better.

Just now Kate is sewing on Carroll's new dress, and he sits by to entertain me. I throw my handkerchief over his head and he will laugh so when he draws it off

but he seems to think what he would like best of all is Auntie's letter, he keeps reaching out his hand to get hold of it. Nate sends a piece of his new dress to Aunt Anna and Aunt Sarah and Aunt Jennie. Now Carroll gives up trying to get hold of my sheet and goes to playing with his lip as Aunt Anna taught him. I think he is the best natured baby I ever saw. His teeth bother him a little but only a little. He likes very much to get hold of something to bite. He tried to bite my shoe this afternoon as he was sitting on the floor near me, and he thinks somebody's finger or chin just the thing to try his teeth on. David Roberts was in the store the other day and when he learned I was here

he said they would come for me any time when I was ready to visit them. Eddie told him he would bring me up and he said he mustn't come with the thought of taking me back with him. That sounds very kind, doesn't it. I don't think I shall go this week. I wonder how you all are at home, and whether you have the coal stove up. Eddie seems in better health than when we were here before. They fired off a great cannon several times last night in honor of the republican victory in politics.

I spoke with Mr. and Mrs. William after meeting Sunday evening. Mrs. W. wanted me to come and see her early this week, but it is altogether to rainy now to go out.

1853

Utica, Thursday A.M.

Dear Mother

Knowing that you will be anxious to hear I write a few lines to let you know how ~~you~~ we are. Mary is better than she was when father was here. She has not had any more spells of pain since ~~Mary~~ he was here. City life did not appear to agree with her very well, and yesterday afternoon Robert took us up to Cousin Mary's. We staid all night and had a very pleasant visit. Mary is there now. She slept very well last night and felt well this morning. It is very quiet and pleasant there, and I think a few days stay will do her good and will be very much better for her every way than staying here would be. Robert is well and so am I. I have been at the dentists this morning having my teeth ~~[illegible]~~ fixed. He has got about half through with them and I am going there to morrow afternoon to have them finished. We are anxious to hear from Sarah. Have you heard from her this week.

But is useless for me to ask that now as you have probably written to us before this if you are going to- You will probably see us Sat. night if nothing now unknown ~~—~~ prevents- Do please excuse the looks of this, dear Mother I am afraid I have partaken of the spirit of all around me, and written this in a great hurry which I ought not to do
With much love I will close- your daughter

Sissi.

Rev. Robert Everett,

Remsen,

Oneida Co.

N. Y.

if you do not come. I must not speak of myself, you know what I hope. But still I fear it will be too hard for you to come. Dear Mother how I wish I could see you and know how you are, and dear Father, too. Miss Williams, my room-mate tells me often that I look like my Father, and I love to hear her say so. She is the daughter of John W. now deceased, of Deerfield. He used to preach once, I believe, but for some time before his death he was a drunkard. I think of it this moment for the first time, can she be the daughter of the woman who used to write to Father some touching letters with reference to her dissipated Husband? Miss W. says that Father married her Father and Mother. She seems to think a great deal of you. I went to Utica Saturday and had a few teeth filled. The dentist said they were decaying now very fast. I want to have only those filled that would get much worse by being left. He filled 5 charged 4.75. From his rooms I went to Cousin Mary's. Had a nice visit there. I went with Mary to church Sabbath morning and with Ella to the First Church in the afternoon and evening. Heard Mr. Sinclair, a gentleman from Scotland speak on the temperance question. In the evening he addressed the children. He is a very interesting speaker. He has organized a great many Juvenile Temperance Societies. Uncle prevailed upon me by a good deal of urging to go home with him. I did not like to go without seeing Mary. Ella went home with Mr. Lewis' people, and Hattie Walcott. and I wrote a note to Mary next day. Uncle brought me up with his horse and cutter Monday morn, while if I had staid to Mary's I would have been obliged to go to the depot against 7 o'clock, and then walk from the cars again to Mrs. Ellis. I did this a week ago from Tommie's and Mary's. Tommie accompanied me to the depot and purchased a ticket for me.

[illegible] House [illegible] Mary's [illegible] that [illegible] can't write [illegible] winter before and [illegible]

My Dear Parents

Eddie came to-day, a wee bit of a letter stating that you felt uneasy about us. From remembrance of similar cases, when I was at home, but others away, I thought perhaps Father, but especially Mother might feel as uneasy as any one; so I concluded to write to you immediately. We are both well, but pretty busy. I handed in a composition to-day, and Eddie, I presume "spoke a piece." As our names begin with a letter contained in the former half of the Alphabet we were among the first to speak and write. I hope we will not again leave you so long without a letter, and so occasion uneasiness. I think I should be

I took back Cousin Mary's bonnet that I wore last winter and winter before, and cousin Mary said she would just as leave not have me wear it this winter again. She thought I had better have it made over if I would like to wear it, and she went with me to a Miss Evans' she had made a bonnet for her and she promised to make it over trim it and have it ready against Wednesday. She would get every thing new except the velvet. It will come to from 2.00 to 20 shillings. I wish I had taken those flowers of Mary's if she does not want to put them in for I doubt whether I will have any thing so pretty, but Miss Evans is very tasty. I do so much wish you would come to the meeting. Do you have to work as much as ever? How are each of the girls? How is Lewis' baby? and the rest of his family. How is Auntie? Does she knit? How are John and Margaret? David says he has written home twice. Mrs. James sent back Eddie's clothes all washed. Miss Ellis sends her love to all of you and says she wants to see you there when you come down. I do not ... Eddie is not here as I might ... very glad to see him and he seems very glad to see me. I hope you are all well [illegible]

very grateful that I have been so well. I am much better than I feared, quite as well I think as I hoped. My stomach is much better than it was before I left home. Eddie says he by no means wants to give up being his own cook &c. The sausage I cooked for him yesterday. Mrs Ellis says he can bring anything so to be cooked over any time and we can cook it, bake a piece of meat &c. We have not yet made any arrangement about baking bread for the boys. I do not very well like to ask Mrs. Ellis if I may bake for them for fear it will trouble her too much, but I intend to. She might make some charge for the trouble, and perhaps would not object. She is very kind, and expresses a good deal of sympathy for the boys. She invited them both here to dinner yesterday. They brought in their large table from the hall, and got a capital dinner of Potatoes, Cabbage, Turnips Beets

I am very glad Lilly has such a warm place to stop and that the horses are so well and that [illegible]

[illegible] are doing [illegible] strictly [illegible] evenings that he not think [illegible] I think generally I have [illegible]

[illegible] I had a great long [illegible] I think that [illegible] not get tired out. I am quite at home here and I think Ellis looks at I [illegible] pretty much when he comes. I hear from some of his classmates that he gets along nicely in his class. Don't worry about us. [illegible] for we are doing

Baked-meat. Pickles, Pudding. Bread
Butter, and Coffee. The boys appeared to
enjoy it, and expressed their pleasure and
gratitude so that I think Mrs. Ellis was
well pleased. I have not seen Eddie to-
day, but handed the letter to David
whom I met as I was coming home.
This is the second of Eddie's letters that
has come to me from the Sem. box.
Being directed to E. M. Everett it was
thought, I suppose to have been addressed
to a lady. Please, if you remember,
direct my letter to Box 41. (which is Mr.
Ellis') without putting on the Sem.
Mrs. David Roberts sent with E. Price
a new pail as a present to Gwen.
Was it received safely? Do you not
think of attending the meeting at
N. Y. Mills? Quite a number have said
to me that they were expecting to see Father
there. Miss Anna Ellis tells me to say
that she will be very much dissapointed

Utica Jan. 4. 1861

Dear Parents, Brother, & Sister.

After such a long beginning I think I ought to have something worth while to write but I fear I have not. I am still at Cousin [illegible] but intend to go to Tommie's this afternoon. I have made an appointment at Dr. [illegible] for Monday morning, at 8½. I am very sorry to say that I forgot Mr. Howell's letter from Bath. Yesterday morning, Belle and I took it over to his house, and found he had gone to [illegible] to attend the funeral of Paul Philip's daughter. Mrs. Howell read the letter, and said that Mr. H. had been so engaged that she did not think he had noticed the ~~ex~~ omission on the cover, and that it ~~was~~ no matter at all.

Mrs. Howells was looking worn out. She has a great deal of company, and the day before had been to the depot with her sister, at 2 o clock in the morning — We saw some nice plain brown ribbon for 3 and 6. If Anna thinks she would such please let us know, also how much she would like. We might get some rather thin 2/ and 2/6. Did you receive the note and figs I sent with Mrs. Ha? I have not been able to find any colored swan's down, but there is plenty white to be had for 2/ per yard. If Jane likes I will get a whole yard of that. Cousin Mary thinks then there would be enough to put around Maggie's throat, and she says it would look very pretty. I have had Jane's pin mended. Direct your letters to cousin [illegible]'s care until I write again. I will probably be over hear Monday. I have been to the market several times but not to Uncle's yet. Write and tell me what errands you want done. Calico (merrimac) is 15c per yd cotton thread is higher, so is drilling.

I asked cousin Mary if she wanted to send any word, and she says give my complements and says her health is very good. Did Eddie take cold going home. I thought of him a good many times as the wind blew.

Write soon

to Cynthia

Accept love to all from Eli.

[illegible], [illegible] 1851

Dear Mother

I have had quite a little [illegible] day which I am [illegible] afraid made you uneasy, so I write to-day to let you know that I am feeling quite smart. I am getting strong and better. When I was sick, Addie came to see me very often. She was so good, and her visits almost made me [illegible] time. Allie and Fran are both looking very well now. Addie went to the lecture at the [illegible] Hall last Wednesday evening with my ticket. She liked the lecture very much. It was delivered by Mr. [illegible], author of "[illegible]" [illegible] Fathers" &c.

This is the first of March, and a spring [illegible]

the [illegible], the sleighing is just dissip-
ing. There are about as many ways
it sticks out. I hope it will snow
again before school closes.

Mr. Turner, one of our teachers
had a visit this week. He has just
returned from the funeral.

It seems today possible that the time
is so near for me to be at home with
my dear parents and those I love so
well. O, how impatient I sometimes
become at space for keeping my dear
ones so far away! Why was this world
made large, and we so small, so slow
of movements? But I rejoice that I am
not placed alone in some desolate
corner of this great world. I have very
kind friends around me here.

There is nothing like a little sorrow,
or a little sickness to test the truthful-
ness of friends. There are some here from
whom I shall be [illegible] grieved to part, but there
are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] waiting to welcome

me at home. My vacation this time was
very long. I did not hear anything of my
Brother the last time I was at home and
[illegible] to see you so much.
My roommate's mother and brother
visited her last term, and came up
to Mrs. Ellis's to see me. I came to school
yesterday for the first time in a little over
a week. Oh dear, the walking was so bad
from thaw, that I brought my dinner.
We have not had any where near so much
snow here as you have had. It has not
been at all difficult for me to come
to school. The walking generally has
been excellent. We have had very windy
Thursdays, mostly. I understand that
[illegible], the [illegible] is quite
poorly. She went to Mrs. [illegible] when
this child died and took cold.
What kind of a time did they have at
Mr. Barnes' donation?

[illegible] with
a [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] take the last of the [illegible]
[illegible] the morning, and
a good deal stronger. [illegible]
[illegible] my letter? [illegible]
[illegible] Elizabeth

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

[1861]

Home, Tuesday Morning.

Dear Father & Mother,

I write a few lines this morning to let you know how we have all fared since you left. Anna and Mary took tea over to Hugh Jones' yesterday, and took tea, then in the evening Robt. Hughes and his wife, and brother Lewis and Jane came and made us a little visit. Anna enjoyed their visit very much, she said she was feeling lonely, and was so glad they came.

You will be glad that all of yesterday extra doing on her part did not prevent her resting. She slept well last night, and seems comfortable this morning, tho. it is too early for her to be up yet — now just same

First and I attended the [illegible]

Prayer meeting last evening. Mr. H. Hughes took the lead in the meeting, a goodly number were present. Rev. Mr. Annable was there and spoke with much feeling, his words, so earnest and sincere, seeming as usual to make a deep impression. He said he had come back to the charge in Kennsen with great faith He had consecrated himself anew as he received his appointment - devoting himself to labor more earnestly than he ever had before. He said that he thought the elements of great spiritual prosperity were discernable, and that the great blessings we had received in the winter months, were but the beginnings of an abundant shower of grace - that all things were possible to faith, and he saw no reason why the whole coming year should not be rich in spiritual blessing. After meeting Rev. J. Roberts presented a petition drawn

~~make~~
up to be signed by the citizens of
of Remsen and vicinity to the board
of Excise stating plainly the truth
respecting the habitual disregard to
the rules of their license by Owen
Evans and Wm. H. Williams, and
praying that they would suppress
the sale of intoxicating liquors by
them, and never again grant
them a license, and in their opinion
they had forfeited all rights, as
they sold indiscriminately to men
and boys by the glass full, to
be drank on the premises.
He had been around there the
day, and obtained about sixty
signatures, mostly leading men.
Opportunity was given for those
present who had not signed it
to do so. Soon as he had ceased
speaking James Smith walked
from the middle of the church
to the table in front of the pulpit

and slowly but earnestly wrote his name.

Mr. Hughes cannot come to work for us till Wednesday, one of his horses is sick. Wm. Griffith cannot come to whitewash for two weeks, so Ma can have the fun of our house cleaning after all.

Good bye, with a heart full of love from each of us

Your daughter

Cynthia.

American Missionary Association,

(Central Office, 59 Reade Street, New York)

was formed in 1846 for Home and Foreign Missionary work. For the past eight years its labors have been principally bestowed upon the colored people of our Southern States. Some idea of the extent of these labors may be inferred from the following statistics:—Expenditures for 1869, Money $268,000; Supplies $40,000; Missionaries 500; Mission Stations 167; Churches under its care 25; formed last year 14. It will also offer to the Chinese in our land such advantages as a wise Christian benevolence may prompt and the contributions of our friends warrant.

Mission Home, 187

[illegible] each hand becomes [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible] of [illegible]
And there is rest.

[illegible] may hang [illegible]
[illegible] falling [illegible]
[illegible];
[illegible] to [illegible]
And there is rest.

[illegible] that [illegible] yours the feeblest one.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] are encircled of saints around. [illegible]
And there is rest.

[illegible] July 11th 18[illegible]

Dear Father,

I heard last night that

you were expected up here next Sunday,

and I have been thinking about it all

the week. [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] ([illegible] o'clock)

[illegible] on the hill, they [illegible]

the Methodist church and [illegible]

in the afternoon meeting. Mr. Roberts [?] said you [illegible]

[illegible] he says you must be sure to come,

If you do not come next Sunday,

I hope you will [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] think [illegible]

I am boarding now at Mrs. Lyman [?],

a relative of Mr. Lyman, with whom

Miss [illegible]. Her husband [illegible],

[illegible] the [illegible] you were [illegible]

are busy at home. the other daughter
is 15 yrs. and Mrs. Sayre has a sister
a young lady living with her, so
I have company here. It is a
very pleasant family. they live
not much more than half a mile
(cross lots) from the corners, and I
see Eddie often, & last evening I
walked home with Sarah
& Mary, who are here visiting. Eddie
had sent up Robert's coming, to [illegible]
letter and sister Jennie, and I
suppose they have been there, (living
over Ing. Hill Allen's), and
[illegible] got them some time to day.
I saw Robert Jones, brother to Mrs.
R. Jones, last Sabbath. He is well,
and was inquiring for his relatives
in Steuben, said he heard that Robert
[illegible] was sick. The small pox [illegible]
we think here, [illegible] of the
[illegible] stay [illegible] to [illegible].
[illegible] Henry Pritchard [illegible]

here on the [illegible]. I have spent [illegible]
four nights in the house [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] 13 years old.

We are glad that the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible] there [illegible]
yet [illegible]
vacation [illegible]. I think [illegible]
[illegible] with me [illegible] beside [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible].

I [illegible]
here [illegible]
very [illegible]
time [illegible] pleasant [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] Time [illegible]

the next week too. Sarah
Symmes is very pleasant.
Her father and mother came
up here with her yesterday. I
promised Sarah and they [illegible]
to spend a Sabbath with them
some time. It is time [illegible]
I [illegible] must bid you good
morning. Give Ma a kiss and
accept [illegible] the [illegible] from your
loving daughter
Cynthia

Rome, Oct. 14, 1868

Dear Father & Mother

Anna has her letter all finished, and I think I will write a few lines to send with it in the morning. I have been at the institute a good deal this week and have enjoyed it very much. have learned something, and made a few pleasant acquaintances. It seems very pleasant to see Katie Griffiths so often. She called to see Anna yesterday noon, and Mary Evans and I went with her to the [illegible] Institute, [illegible] Fannie Moore). I attended the Pres. church twice last Sab. Mary and I went alone in the evening and Mary E. and Anna kept each other company at home. The three girls are alone this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have gone to hear Rev. Mr. Daniels, from one of the Western States who came to attend

the [illegible] meeting in Utica.
David [illegible] Williams came to visit us this evening
[illegible] before leaving [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the likeness of John Henry.
He accompanied them to the meeting.
He has made us several pleasant [illegible]
and wishes us to present his kind regards
to you both. Last Saturday evening [illegible]
Pickard called here, and I went home
with her, leaving sister Mary to sleep with
Anna. Neither Mary nor I had called there
before. I certainly think Anna does improve
and she is very cheerful and
patient. She is quite at home here, and
we have plenty of interesting books which
[illegible] can read to her, some of the young people
frequently call, and she is able to go out
more than a few weeks ago, so that I do
not think she often grows lonely, and
she keeps up her courage well.
Mary will tell you what the Dr. says.
He [illegible] pleased with her improvement
but does not give us to understand that

her recovery will be rapid. I have been afraid that she would feel lonely this week because I am at the Inst. so much but she seems very anxious to have me attend as much as I can, and Mr. Evans is very good company and then I do not go very early. My own health is better than it was when I left home. I am quite happy and contented while it seems best for me to remain here. I am anxious to know the result of [illegible] Jones interview with the Officers of the [illegible] Do you know anything about it? The news from the recent State elections is favorable so much of it as has reached us. Mr. Evans is much interested in politics and very anxious for a republican victory. We have been gathering some of the beautiful autumn leaves that fall from the shade trees and intend to attempt to make a wreath of them. They say they will retain their color for a long time if they are pressed and varnished

paste board

Hinkley gave us a box for the back of the wreath. I would like to see you all for two minutes, and I suppose two minutes would hardly satisfy. I wish little Eddie would finish the letter he has commenced to Annie and that Robbie would write. Can Robbie send his letter to his father I have commenced a letter to John. I heard some one say to-day that he would like to keep on living a thousand years. I do not think I should. I would rather, when my Father sees fit, go up higher, if only for the sake of being where my friends can be with me, instead of being so often parted as we [illegible] been. But I must bid you an affectionate good night and adieu.

Your Daughter

Cynthia.

P. S. Please remember me kindly to Mr. [illegible] also to Mr. Cadwalader if you see him again before he goes West.

Rome, Nov. 1, 18[illegible]

Dear Father & Mother,

I will write a few lines to let you know that Anna is quite smart after your visit. Last night she rested very well indeed. The night before, she slept pretty well, though not so well as last night. Her throat is about well, and her cough almost gone. She felt pretty tired through the day yesterday, I told her it was the day after the fair with her. This morning she seems quite as well as usual. Yesterday afternoon I called at Hugh Williams to get his daughter Katie to tell me whether I was making the border of Anna's hood right. She said I was, and in coming home I stopped a little while at [illegible] to see Mrs. Mitchell. She is going to return

home to day. After tea, I knit while Mary
Evans read aloud, then I read while she
sewed. We are reading a very interesting
[illegible] story, entitled
[illegible] and the [illegible] ([illegible])
I saw Griffith Jones yesterday. He was glad
to hear that you ~~would~~ had been to see
us and would have been pleased to see you.
Wm. Jones' wife said ~~one~~ her husband was
hoping you would come down street
that he might see you. His store is on
Commercial St. He is with [illegible] E[illegible] and [illegible]
Mr. Jones told him he had better call up
here to see you, but he said he didn't like
it to go. He is very pleasant and looks
like his father. — We will be glad to hear
how you got along in Utica, where you
spent the night and how you reached
home. Your visit has done us both a great
deal of good. I feel more hopeful about
Anna after hearing what the Dr. said to
you. Her back is pretty sensitive when
[illegible] it, [illegible] suppose the Dr. would consider

that [illegible] . the action of the bowels was very good to-day, though her head [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] good care of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mary left a box of medicines in my coat pocket here which^ing^ forgot to send with you.

[illegible] hope to hear soon

Love to all [illegible]

~~Wed~~ Tuesday Morning
Utica July 27/68

Dear Mother

Perhaps you will be surprised that I am still at cousin [illegible] [illegible] yesterday it was so warm that it did not require much urging to persuade me to remain till after tea, and immediately after tea the weather became so threatening that I decided to wait until this morning before starting for Whitesboro. I intend going [illegible] soon now, if it does not rain [illegible] hard as it threatens again. We had quite a thunder storm last evening but I went up to Albie's to escape the rain as that was not so far from here as cousin Mary's. I also [illegible] evening where Sarah and her sister.

the thinks, came over here with me.
Cousin Henry did the business for father
very cheerfully, and I have the book to
bring home. I got the crystal for his
watch and had Jennie's cuff button ~~pin~~ repaired
on my way up from the depot. I also
mailed the letters in the P.O. on [illegible] St.
I do not know what to say about reaching
home Wednes evening, it is not proba
ble that we will as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] time until that morning. Still, if
you can easily perhaps you had better send
to the depot, then if Anna wishes to start
in the afternoon, and it is pleasant, we
can come, but it is altogether probable
we will not. [illegible] and Sarah want
Anna and me to stop and make a
visit on our way home, but it is not
likely that we will. The coral in Jennie's
button is turned a little light by being heated
to be mended, but the man who did it said
that was the only way it could be done, and
cousin [illegible] thinks it looks all the better.

I called at Mrs. J. McJames Saturday afternoon. Had a pleasant call, Grandma and Aunt [illegible] were looking for Ellen to come and make them a visit.

[illegible] is pretty well. We have had the cold weather a good deal.

With love [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] York, 327 6. 12th [illegible]
[illegible] 5th 18[illegible]

My dear Mother,

My letter [illegible] [illegible] business, so far, I will try to [illegible] to get in a little home like chit=chat.

I am to remain here until Thurs. next. Mr. Smith, the [illegible] [illegible] is out of town, and will not return until Wednes, and I have to await his return. [illegible] at the [illegible] to-day, and saw Mr. [illegible], Mr. Pike, and a very pleasant young lady by the name of Cook who is Mr. Smith's clerk. They think it probable that I will be assigned a position in [illegible], and I [illegible] there, that is to 53 John St. Thursday morning prepared to go somewhere. One of my trunks, which I left at the steamboat landing, they are going to bring over to their [illegible]

for me. I left the check there. I am told
[illegible] it is perfectly safe to leave baggage
checked, but that 25 cts. is usually
charged for keeping it. The other trunk
was brought here, for which I paid
40 cts. That I will have also taken to
the Assn. rooms 53 John St. on [illegible]
Did I tell you that Mrs. Pugh made
me a present of a nice pair of warm
gloves on the morning that I left?
I also got a nice looking pair for 30 cts.
Mrs. Duryea, Mary's motherly hostess,
insisted on my getting a comfortable
and tacking it here. She helped us,
and it only took us a very short time.
[illegible] 10 yds. calico for 10 cts. per yd. and
3 bunches [illegible] cotton, 19 cts a bunch
and 10 cts worth of yarn to tack it with.
After conversing with Miss Cook to-
day, I think I will also get a blanket.
I am to receive $15 a month besides
expenses (that is board and transportation)
I will receive salary they told me from [illegible]

I returned Maggie's hood all right. They did not object to receive it but did not like to return the money so I got me 2 pair good dark woollen stockings and a pair of leggins. I shall have plenty of money without borrowing any. We got a quarter ream of this paper to day for 75 cts. How do you like it?

Jennie asks about her gloves? I inquired at Roberts' and Welbons' and Manning's and at all the worsted stores on the way up Genesee for hers and mine I did not find mine, but found hers at Buckingham's. The lady with whom she conversed about the machine was very glad to find whose they were. I took tea yesterday afternoon at William Ross', brother to Mr. Jones' table, and had a very very pleasant time. His wife is sister in law to Mrs. Roberts who was so kind to me in Turin a year ago. (Mrs. Roberts is sister to Eddie's partner.)

Mrs. Rees' youngest sister married David Pierce, Utica, He was there to tea, is down after groceries. Mrs. Rees gave us tickets to a fair here, and we went there Sat. evening. O, such beautiful pictures were there - and what do you think, we saw a cow-milking machine.

Mary's patient is doing very well. I went with her to see her last evening. I did not see her, but the little baby, German baby I saw. She has gone out this evening with Miss Dr. Page to see a patient of hers, has been gone all evening. — Later - half past nine — Miss Evans, sister to our Thomas Evans [illegible] just called [illegible] looking [illegible] well indeed - I think she appears a little like her niece Mary; Did the girls remember to send Mary's address? Cousin Charley called here Tues. morning. I think I shall go to Brooklyn tomorrow. Mary has been quite busy with her patient and the lectures this week. To-morrow morning we are going [illegible] a little. [illegible] good night now; I will try to answer [illegible] letter soon.

Cynthia

5th [illegible] Nov. 14, 1857
Off Sandy [illegible]
[illegible]

My Dear Father & Mother,

I [illegible] away to get [illegible], and I am very happy, and feel that I have a [illegible] of reason to be grateful. Mary has been with me all the day. She went out and bought a good thick [illegible] comfortable this morning, and a few other things that I needed, after which they had a good deal of running about to get an [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] not [illegible] come at the appointed time, [illegible] before we started she went out again and found a [illegible] who [illegible] his [illegible] and took it down for us for $1. [illegible] we found at the [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] there, [illegible] kindly and [illegible] [illegible]

appointed to go to Norfolk. Two other ladies left there the same time, but being commissioned to some place in Georgia, they took a different line. Mr. Stricby told me he was glad I was going, and I said I was glad too. Mr Pike, who is agent for a part of New York and Pa. & is genial and engaging in his manner, with an amused expression of drollery and good sense. He saw our delegates, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Davies at the meeting of the Cong. Union, and seems to have formed a favorable opinion of the Welsh. He tells me I must write lots of letters to our Welsh churches. He is to send me the address of a S.S. to which he wants me to write five or six letters during the Winter. They all cheered me with good wishes and kind words. They gave me a month's salary, $16 in advance, and sent a man with me to the boat who bought me a ticket on

After I had filled about three pages of this, a very fine [illegible] I [illegible] to [illegible]. He told me that [illegible] have [illegible] being seasick, but thought [illegible] by change I shall be. I have felt a little [illegible] inclined to be, but [illegible] at some supper. We had beef steak and sweet potatoes, nice soda biscuit and [illegible] and slices of cold beef, some good butter, and good tea. The Captain sat in the cabin [illegible] since supper talking with [illegible] He tells some droll stories. He says we won't have [illegible] anything [illegible] except for one hour and a half when we [illegible] be crossing the S.E. [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] we [illegible] a [illegible] strong we [illegible] the [illegible] but he expects we will be [illegible]

that time that you will not know
anything about my friend [illegible] by
[illegible] up the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] — —
Jennie's letter, [illegible] the 8th
was received while I was at [illegible]
Mary Franklin. Mary could not [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] one to [illegible]
[illegible] and I going [illegible]
to Brooklyn [illegible] till [illegible]
afternoon — [illegible]
[illegible] Mary Mallory [illegible] —
from there after dinner to Mr Hog[illegible]
where [illegible]
I had pleasant [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the Bab[illegible]
the [illegible] of most [illegible]
[illegible]
looks [illegible]
to [illegible] and I [illegible]
Little Mary [illegible] little girl,
small of her age about 10 yrs

affectionate and bright. I wish she
could go to Brunswick to see our
little folks. I read a good long
letter she had lately received from
her father. O, while I remember
[illegible] my [illegible] I got a
lock and key for my trunk. Mr.
Mitchell, a young [illegible], who came
[illegible] ea put it on for
me, and fastened [illegible] the iron
strap that was loose on it.

I learned while at supper that the vessel
on which we are sailing is yet dignified
with the name of Steamship. This is a good
place for me to become accustomed to the
new style of humanity? with which I
expect to become so familiar soon, for
the waiter boys are all colored.

Mrs. Jones [illegible] [illegible] very little [illegible]
me to give this [illegible] to my father and
mother, [illegible] all the [illegible] things
they [illegible] Miss Rapp? said of [illegible]
O, how I enjoyed the beautiful things

most welcome, showing the different
points of interest – the steamers –
tug-boats, buoys, light-houses, the [illegible]
the place where the Atlantic [illegible] &c.
the [illegible] we [illegible] through which [illegible]
and the [illegible] The [illegible]
[illegible] some of the [illegible]
and many other things. Another [illegible]
brought up there [illegible] and we
[illegible]
half. We saw a sea gull [illegible] (and along the [illegible])
ships [illegible]
long after we had passed the [illegible],
[illegible]
[illegible] he thought [illegible]
of [illegible] the lady [illegible]
had left her mother [illegible] and she
afraid she [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] there [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Norfolk, Evening, Dec. 28 '69

Dear Mother,

It is sometime since I have written to you or heard a line from you, so I think we must have a little chat this evening— really northern evening I mean when I use the term, I have not learned to adopt the sothern custom of calling all after dinner by that name— We are having a weeks vacation which is a fine resting spell. I have been attending to some of the needs of my wardrobe. I have washed my hoop skirts and made covers for them— As I do not have to take muddy walks they were not very dirty. Mrs. [illegible] has to pass over some real country road, not always in the best condition but there is a brick side walk all the way to

my school which dries soon after a shower. I have worn rubbers but very few times, have not had the slightest need of leggins. I am having my flannel skirt made, and the heels of my stockings run by some ladies of color who are extremely glad to get a little sewing.

I am sitting with little Alice Churchill while her father and mother are out making a call. She lies sweetly sleeping. She never wakes when left with us this for an evening. She is a sweet little thing, delicate but healthy. Her mother is a noble woman about the size of your new daughter-in-law, dignified but social and genial with real sound sense, and true christian principle; and her father, brought up in the strict puritan style is a most substantial man, showing that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined. He is first rate company

they are from Massachusetts, and have the thrifty New England habits. They do much to make our stay here more pleasant. We often spend the pleasantest hours of the day in chat with them, they are Episcopalians and Mrs. C. has great veneration for the church. which however, does not prevent a kindly recognition of other christians.

Do you remember that in one of my letters I mentioned climbing up some steep narrow stairs to see a sick woman - then I wrote that her baby was taken sick and died. Well, she too has gone home. She died and was buried within a few days in which we did not call. so we did not know about it at the time. The other sick woman, Mrs. Brooks, is very low.

Please ask the girls if they have seen the english translation of an

extract of one Christmas Evans' sermons
which I brought from Mrs. Williams,
Deerfield I want our English
friends to know something
Welshman can preach

Wednes. morn.

I have an opportunity.

for quite satisfied — Tell the girls
that if Eddie is willing to lend
his Etymology, and it can be
found without much difficulty
I would be obliged if they would
be obliged if they would send
it to [illegible]
also [illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible]
probably come to the [illegible]
again [illegible] night. Will [illegible]
please send [illegible] Botanic
to [illegible]? [illegible] myself [illegible]
but do not [illegible] I
shall [illegible] upon
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
some of the [illegible]
[illegible]
in this branch.

Yours &c
Cynthia.

[illegible]

[illegible] Afraid to [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] trial till they had [illegible] fresh! [illegible] evidences [illegible]

[illegible] "good" [illegible] Shou[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] blessing [illegible]

[illegible]

Dayton, N. J. June 15th.

Dear Father Mother & all

You will think me a confirmed roamer I fear when you note the date on this. I am having a good visit with Mrs. Miller, once Effbie Vincent. I came the day Mary went to Phil. I suppose she has written you about her pleasant trip there. Mr Miller has a small farm here, keeps one cow, and raises grain and vegetables, mostly for seed which sell profitably. His mother, a very cheerful, active old lady lives with them and a bachelor uncle also boards here. They have about 150 turkeys and chickens. "Uncle Ben" takes a great interest in them.

Direct to 7th St. If I am not there Mary can forward

He and Lizzie share the charge of them. Lizzie is stronger than when a child though her back still causes her a good deal of pain. She is a most industrious little woman. They are so hospitable that they frequently have visitors. There is no one here but me at present.

Jane Vincent (Mrs. Richards) called on us at 7th St in answer to my note and gave me a most cordial invitation to spend two or three weeks with her. I think I shall go there next week, and when that visit is over will be most happy to hurry home.

We had a very nice visit with two of the lady teachers from Charleston as they passed through N. Y.

Lizzie and I have taken several pleasant rides and went one

day to the woods. Last Tuesday
she and her mother and I
attended a festival at their
church. The sight of cheerful
faces nice dresses pretty boquets
and good dishes was very
agreeable so were the cream
and cake and the ride
there and back. Her mother's
brother, Richard Thomas lives
in Dayton village and yesterday
we took tea there. The day I came
to see Lizzie my 2nd letter hadn't
reached her & of course no one
met me at the depot.
I allighted, found I was in
a real country place where
every body would be likely to
know his neighbor so I was
not much alarmed. I inquired
of the depot man for Mr.
Miller. "Which one", he says, "there
are two here, Benj Miller and
the other one". I don't know ...

first name," said I, "but his wife's name is Lizzie." "Well it must be Key, because the other one's wife's name isn't Lizzie, so you go up to the village to Mr. Thomas or Mr. Anderson, any one will direct you there. They are intimate with Mr. Miller and will tell you how to get there." Thinks I, Thomas is a good old Welsh name, I'll go there — so I was directed to go to the house by the big pine trees, and there I went, rang the bell, and a young lady came to the door who looked just as though she knew me. She guessed at it, you see, as she knew I was expected soon. I had a kind welcome and a kinder supper the young lady whose name is Ellie had been with Lizzie once to our house, and staid over night to play with our little cousins who were there. After supper Hatter, Mr. Thomas youngest daughter came with me across the field to here bringing my announcement letter in their hand. I had a repitition both of welcome and supper ... having a nice time.

Rev. R. Everett, D.D.

Remsen

Oneida Co.,

N.Y.

[illegible] yet without a line [illegible]
The weather makes [illegible]
[illegible] tolerable [illegible]
[illegible] day [illegible]
[illegible] charmingly [illegible]
To be sure I still [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible] exercise in
composition written by one
of the younger ones.
We have been luxuriating in
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] we hear the [illegible]
bearers. None were call[ed]
[illegible] Sunday or Monday
morning. We were pleased to
notice it. They are about 6 cts a
quart. I have a mag[nolia]
blossom in my room [illegible]
[illegible] me this mor[ning]
by [illegible] boys & [illegible]
one of the smallest ~~leaves~~.
The blossom is larger than a
coffee cup, calyx and corolla both
are white, [illegible] I think
[illegible] it [illegible]

I received the S.S. books for [illegible]
[illegible] ago
[illegible] presented to [illegible]
of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
Mr. Mr. Hasson is very anxious
to have the school [illegible]
[illegible] They [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to
furnish board to the teachers
who can remain, and are
willing to teach a month without
salary. There are monthly [illegible] for
the pupils which will pay the
[illegible] ladies who are
[illegible] board; and several others

[illegible] the [illegible].
agreed to remain if the
arrangement is perfected.
He will probably [illegible] before
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Good night. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

P.S. I think I will send you one [illegible]
[illegible] of the magnolia as well as the [illegible]
and a few stamens and petals [illegible]
[illegible] shaped
[illegible] in the center of the flower [illegible]
[illegible] petals [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

American Missionary Association,

(Central Office, 59 Reade Street, New York)

was formed in 1846 for Home and Foreign Missionary work. For the past eight years its labors have been principally bestowed upon the colored people of our Southern States. Some idea of the extent of these labors may be inferred from the following statistics:—Expenditures for 1869, Money $268,000; Supplies $40,000; Missionaries 500; Mission Stations 167; Churches under its care 25; formed last year 14. It will also offer to the Chinese in our land such advantages as a wise Christian benevolence may prompt and the contributions of our friends warrant.

Mission Home, New York, Feb. 7 1871

Dear Father and Mother

The Gen. and mother's letter came quickly one after the other. Both were very welcome. The account of the meeting in Remsen interested us. We are very glad Anna is better. To day Mary is sending a nice little dress to Eddie's boy, and I put in a little pair of mittens. If he walks out this cold weather, I think he will be glad to get them. I am growing stronger, but have felt quite miserable from a cold ever since I came. Am better to day than I have been at all before

We took quite a tramp to day. The first long walk I've had in N.Y. this time. It did us both good. The air was clear and not very ~~good~~ cold. Sunday and Monday it was almost fearfully cold. Sun day evening we ventured out to 11th st. and heard Mr. Roberts. We saw Mrs. J. J. Jones. She said her husband was quite poorly.

I went out one evening with the Jones' girls, from Bethel, to the singing school held in the basement of 13th St church. All the pieces sung were Welsh. You may know it was a great treat to me.

Three sons of Mr. Powel were there, nice, sensible looking boys.

They made me think of my class, which I had found it so hard to leave, though of course they were lighter

the family of whom Mary rents her
room are very kind to us. The
first evening I came. Mary was
out calling on a patient but they
led me to the room in which she
had left a light. The bed looked
so comfortable, that I immediately
took a little rest. Pretty soon Mrs.
Kennedy, an old lady from the
next room rapped, and brought
me a bowl of oat-meal gruel.
they were making some, and
she wanted to know if I could
eat an old Irish womans dish.
I was very thankful for it, after
my cold ride. I told her I thought I
would come to her fire to eat it,
every taste was flavored with kind-
ness. Mrs. Tarry, dau. of Rev. T. William
Remsen, who lives up stairs is also
very kind to us. Mary often gives

some remedy to her baby, who is troubled a good deal with colds, and she has sent her little girl down at one time and another with home-made bread, biscuits and cake which we relished very much. She has also had us two or three times up to tea. Mr. Parry's nephew, son of Eliazer Jones, Middle Granville, boards there and is very intelligent, pleasant company. Mrs. P. has three very pleasant children besides the baby who is almost worshiped.

Last evening we made a short call on the Mrs. Perry with whom Maria Pugh boarded where we met a niece of old Evan George –

I have had very cordial letters from Mrs. Warren and each of my fellow teachers in Charlestown, which I have just been answering – While on the Steamer I was surprised to find in my sachel a beautiful fruit knife, accompanied with the following note – "Miss Everett, Dear Teacher; We have chosen this small present as a token of our gratitude and love for your teachings and kindness. We hope you will ever keep it to remember the members of No. 11. With the best wishes for your restoration to good health, we remain, your loving scholars." ~~J. H. Tidham~~, J. H. followed by a list of their names. Then upon opening my trunk a found a book from the teachers! – Good night, love to all Cynthia.

Mary is out this evening perhaps she will add a line when she comes in. She is feeling very well to-day

327 E. 12 St. N. Y.

Mon. March 20, 1871

My dear Mother

Your letter reached us this afternoon. I am sorry we had grown careless about writing. Try not to be uneasy if we do. We did indeed feel Mr. Parry's death very much. Mary was very much worn out with anxiety and watching but rested much quicker than we both feared.

Mrs. Parry will still live here, and hopes to have a few boarders. The church are much interested for her, and will try to find boarders for her. The baby is a sweet comfort to her. Mary's health is better than I have seen it for a long time. I was put back a little by Mr. Parry's death, but am surprised that I stood it so well.

I hope your cold will not trouble you long, and that you can give a more favorable report of Annie's health in the next letter. I think Mary will write to her. I do not forget that I owe Jennie and Sarah letters, but they must wait a little longer. I have just written to Annie Ellis. Will try to write to sister Elizabeth soon and to Kansas. A heart-full of love from your aff. daus Cynthia & Mary.

Rev. Michal Jones preached here last Sabbath, and a week ago. Yesterday the day was lovely, but the week before was a very rainy Sunday. Yesterday morning I went again to the Scotch Pres. church, and enjoyed the service very much. The sermon was on the words "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life." He spoke first on the end – "Eternal life," as a perfect life of body, soul and spirit. It seemed very enviable as portrayed, and we could not fail to agree when he said that such a life was to be striven for even if it were transient – that it would be better once really to have lived and lost, than never to have lived at all, but that it was of far surpassing worth when we remembered that it would never end and that "When we've been there ten thousand years Bright, shining, as the sun

"We'll have no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun"
The means, he said, were to believe, 1st, God's word, 2nd on the divinity and humanity of the Son, 3rd, on Him as our own perfect Saviour. He said some seemed to manage always to get themselves in some way between themselves and Christ, but we were to remember that faith was a clear medium, and that never an inward, but an outward look brought the light. Alluding to the apostles definition of faith, he said it was giving substance to things hoped for, and believing evidence given of things not seen --

The "inclosed" about the Vincent girls I can not find. If you see an opportunity will you send two of my forks and three of the teaspoons, and if you can spare it, another knife? also my small parasol, now, I think in the bottom drawer of the bureau up stairs

Perhaps you will know when Eddie's partners will be coming, and they will doubtless go to Wm Rees' even if they cannot get time to call on us, and we can readily get things from there. But do not trouble much about it: We can get some cheap spoons, and get along. We have only one, and that a desert spoon. I have one fork that I used in Charleston, and there is a two tined one Mary had before I came. We also have two knives, so we are not utterly destitute.

Ask Anna if she would as lief have me shape her spring sack after present style, shorter and narrower across the back? I have made over the brown merino you bought me, and am told that it looks remarkably well. Brown is much worn now. A kiss for you and Father and much love to each.

At M. D. Office Window
333 W. 34 St. N. Y.
Wednes. July 7th 1875

My very dear Mother

Again and again have I thought I would surely write you a letter, but some how fail to accomplish my intentions. I really wrote part of a sentance several days ago, and more than once have carried pencil and paper for days in my pocket, thinking that by little and little I might get one written; but I seem almost to have forgotten how to write. This musn't pretend to be a letter, but can carry a little message of love. Your kind letter with P. O. order for $10. was received all right and was very welcome. I am glad to have the money. The girls had bought me a summer underskirt for which Mary gave out the money and I was glad to pay back. I send you a sample of a wrapper which by just taking my measure they got for me ready made. It is a luxury these warm days. Afternoons, this week I am wearing the skirt of my black alapaca dress, and a white sack of Mary's. The waist of my dress is pretty warm, but the skirt does nicely with this white one.

We had a nice long rain yesterday. The

[in margin:] in his bright happy home above! Mother dear, we love you tenderly, even though we seem heedless about writing frequent letters. Our thoughts go very often to the dear old home. Wm. and I are both [illegible] pretty good health this week. I think we ought to feel a good deal encouraged. I wonder how the new [illegible] will look at the church. Did it get cleaned nicely? Well good bye mamma dear accept loads of love and kisses from your Cynthia.

weather seems less exhausting to me than it did last week. We thought of you all a good deal last evening, were thinking we would like to be with you to attend the prayer meeting at Levis. Mother, I really think I have reason to feel hopeful about the way my health is improving. The last attacks I had took away my strength sadly as usual but it seems decidedly returning again, and my nerves feel quite firm for me. We rather enjoyed the 4th in the city. I had dreaded the noise, and it was quite wearing, but less so than we had feared and the sky rockets which we saw from our seats on the balcony and for a while up on the roof, were beautiful. John Eddie is missed very much. Dear boy, I do want to see him again. Frank's likeness seems more of a treasure than ever. I try to visit with it once in a while. It looks very pleasant but doesn't talk much.

Won't he write to us some time? Jennie and Hanna deserve decided thanks for their letters. Tell Mary Jane I send an extra bunch of love to her in this. We would be very glad to get a note from her. Would like to be with you in church as our young friends are coming in. We attended Welsh church here last Sunday, were reminded of home and of our precious father who so many times had spoken words of encouragement at Capel Uche. Oh! how sweet it is to hope we may some time meet him

Turin. Tues. evening

Dear Father & Mother

I enclose a note from Onie for Maggie, which I suppose she will get from Grandpa's. I wrote a hurried note Mon. morning, but Eddie said at noon that it was too late for the mail.

I am having a very pleasant visit. I have not been around any yet. I have not felt very strong, but am getting rested and feeling better.

Just now Kate is sewing on Carroll's new dress, and he sits by to entertain me. I throw my handkerchief over his head and he will laugh so when he draws it off

but he seems to think what he would like best of all is Auntie's letter, he keeps reaching out his hand to get hold of it.
Nate sends a piece of his new dress to Aunt Anna and Aunt Sarah and Aunt Jennie.
Now Carroll gives up trying to get hold of my sheet and goes to playing with his lip as Aunt Anna taught him. I think he is the best natured baby I ever saw. His teeth bother him a little but only a little. He likes very much to get hold of something to bite. He tried to bite my shoe this afternoon as he was sitting on the floor near me, and he thinks somebody's finger or chin just the thing to try his teeth on.
David Roberts was in the store the other day and when he learned I was here

he said they would come for me any time when I was ready to visit them. Eddie told him he would bring me up and he said he mustn't come with the thought of taking me back with him. That sounds very kind, doesn't it. I don't think I shall go this week. I wonder how you all are at home, and whether you have the coal stove up. Eddie seems in better health than when we were here before. They fired off a great cannon several times last night in honor of the republican victory in politics.

I spoke with Mr. and Mrs. William after meeting Sunday evening. Mrs. W. wanted me to come and see her early this week, but it is altogether too rainy now to go out.

When you write, let me know what you have heard from Mary, and after Jamie writes to Uncle Nathaniel I wish she would send his letter for Eddie and Kate to read and I will return it, or bring it home. I guess I will leave the rest of the page to fill out if Eddie brings a letter from this morning's mail. Accept much love from your affect.

daughter Cynthia.

Dear Brother
I received a paper from Mary from Saratoga yesterday, with "better" written on the wrapper. Perhaps she is with you before this, so that this will be no news to you. When Mary does reach home you will please have some one write immediately. Elizabeth has been very anxious about her, but has felt much easier since hearing of her arrival at Saratoga. Poor girl, I am sorry to have her journey alone, but I hope she is at home now, & that she will be soon— When have you heard from Father? We should like very much to hear how he is. O what a pleasure to know that God's care will be over us however widely separate we may be. I sometimes feel sad and a little lonely. Then my Bible is such a comforting companion, and my Saviour such a precious friend. Yet I do not prize them as I should. I sometimes continue in sadness and perplexity when I might have been

happy if I would seek relief in fervent
prayer. I thank God that I have a
Mother and Father who pray for
their children, and that as they each day
implore his blessing on those with them,
they remember those who are far away.
O Mother, pray that I may no ~~her~~ will but
God's, that I may have his Holy Spirit to
guide me, and may ever listen to its
teachings. This afternoon, for the first
time in many weeks I have been ~~very~~
homesick, but I feel peaceful and cheerful
again now. It has done me ever so much
good to write to you. It is the next thing to
seeing you. — How does the spring weather
affect you? Does it make you feel very weak?
I should like to know just how you are, and
how all are. — We are all pretty well.
Elizabeth's health is some better I think
than it was awhile ago. Hattie was quite
poorly awhile before Mary left, but she
appears to have got well again now.
Give my love to Aunt Sarah. I should like
to see her very much. How does Robbie
prosper, and how is Annie? I have not
heard anything of her for a long time.
Give my love to Ellen, if she is with you
and to Ann. Ask Lewis and Jane and Eddie
if they will not <u>please</u> write. I get along
very pleasantly with my studies. I do not
study very hard, nor work much.
I have been sewing a good deal lately, made
me a duster, (black and white plaid, 12½ cts per yd)
and have been altering the trimming on Elizabeth's
bonnet, which she lets me wear to school.
It does not appear that I have sewed much

Friday, May 4. 1858. A funny place for the date, isn't it?

Sarah and Cousin Lizzy wish to send thier love to you, and say they are very sorry that they can not ~~make~~ time to write, and will try to write "next time." C.

Dear Sister Leah:

June 28
1852

The first month of summer has come at length, ~~even~~ but I cannot see much differance between it, and the ~~week~~ before the change from spring to summer was made. Cousin E. Anna and myself went to the woods last evening I had not been there before this summer, I did not go to any woods once last spring, and it seemed rather good to get to the old

familiar place again, but the girls were in such a hurry to come up, that I hardly had time to gather a few flowers, (which however I did) but had to come up right off. — Have you got that letter that Anna and I wrote, the one that those flowers were sent in. I suppose you must have got it by this time though. We concluded that you had not got it when you wrote as you didnt mention it. Do you go out every day? ~~xxxx~~ We are having a beautiful shower

now, which I suppose will hinder you going out to day if it rains there too. The new house has been raised, and is coming on nicely only it is rather heavy as they did not use any emptings to raise it with I hope they will learn a lesson from this never to undertake to raise a house without emptings again. We heard from Henry, Robert, and Jane and Mary last week, they were all quite well At least they did not say but what they were so I guess they

were pretty well. I hope so any way. A cat and two kittens. I guess you have got pretty well tired and out of patience by this time reading such nonsense. If you haven't you must have a great deal more patience than I have got. I will close now and not tire you any longer. We shall hear again from you before a great while: shall we not? I ~~ran~~

Good bye, with much love

your aff. sister

Cynthia

Home, August 28 '57.

My precious Sister:

Mother has gone with Father to Sixty to a prayer meeting; and told me just before she started that I might write to you if I had time. We were very much rejoiced to receive your letter, and to hear that you are indeed getting well. It seems quite strange to think of your walking on the sidewalk! I dont know but Dr. Guiteau is in some danger of losing his ten dollars yet.

Mary, Sis and Letitia went this afternoon to Widow Evans', Sixty, and were going from there to the prayer meeting. We are going to have a prayer meeting at our house tomorrow evening

Ann says she would like very much to have you home to the meeting. Aunt Sarah is here now: she got tired of staying here, and last Friday morning she started, and walked clear to York Mills. Lewis went after her Saturday, and brought her home today. I think she is not as well as when she was up before. Lewis bought a copy of Mrs. Stowe's new work. "Sunny Memories of Foreign Lands." in two volumes. If you were home, I guess I would read them to you. Jennie goes back to Utica this week Friday. I expect we shall be quite lonely after she has gone. Jennie and I have been making some cookies this afternoon. I wish we could send you one to see if you wouldn't think they are good. Tommy's sister Ann went home last week. Tommy went up with her. She is still quite low — continues about the same all the while.

Now Sarah. I think you have before you quite a dish of pudding. If it is not good, I think it can't be because

it was not cooked long enough; for here I have been over it, I should think, at least one whole hour. Shouldn't you think it ought to be good?

Good night, Sarah dear, perhaps Mother will write a few words to-morrow.

From your loving sister

Anna.

Dear Sarah:

Perhaps a word from Jennie wont hurt you.—Words cannot express our joy at the prospect of your recovery. Indeed we cannot realize it. We can only thank and praise our Father for the gift of same great blessing and exclaim Thou hast done more for us even than we asked. I must confess so weak was my faith that I never expected to see you well. It is true I prayed for it, but it was not with the heart of one believing it would be answered. Who shall say that we have not a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God?

We are all quite well and I suppose need not tell you that all love you.

Sarah

What to call you I do not know. if I say, dear sister or precious, I am afraid you will think it nothing but mocking and that I really do not regard you as such, or I would not have allowed you to be so long hungry without interceding in some way. But I hope that before I have reached the bottom of this little page, I shall be able so to convince you that my love to you is still pure [illegible] strong that I may call my Sarah by an endearing title without her thinking it very surprising. Sarah, we miss you — how much I shall not try to tell — You know sister when we come into your room where you used to lie — what our feelings are You know the longing for dear absent ones which cannot be expressed or surpressed.

You know too, how joyous the hopeful thought is, that when you next return to us, your presence will not only light one little corner (which I know never failed to gather all around it) but then we will have you all through and around the house — O, my, our hearts never cease to send up grateful praises to Him who is thus kind to us. Remember darling and [illegible]

Father's Study, Sep. 13/54.

Good morning, dear one, may this beautiful day, be a very happy one to you. May you be blessed with continued health, (as far as you have already gained it) and may you not be oppressed with any such feeling as homesickness but may you rest implicitly on your heavenly Father's love, happy and contented as to your own situation, and trusting with him the care of those dear ones you have so well.

O, Sarah, I sometimes find it very hard to do this, on account of my lack of faith. But why should we ever distrust him? The Lord, I am sure has given us sufficient testimony of his continual care, and unwearied watchfulness over his children. Let us then, learn from this to trust him with all our interests—

Our big-meeting is to-day. Father was quite poorly last week, and was not able to attend the meeting in Utica and elsewhere, but is very much better this week

Evan Griffiths and his brother were here last night. They came to dinner here yesterday. Mr. Griffiths brought his daughter Elizabeth with him. She is here now. We are enjoying ourselves very much. Had a very good meeting last night James Griffiths (formerly of Utica) preached. I hope you will forgive us for not writing sooner. Johnny is waiting for this so I must stop. your Sister

Lizzie

Sab. Study — Nov 7/54

Now dear Sarah, I have written to Mary all I can afford to, at one time, and I want to say a little to you, if you will allow me to take so much liberty. You will see by the date where I am writing and would you like to know what I use for a writing-desk? I have got your little stand, that you gave me permission to use whenever I wrote to you.

You do not know dear Sister, what a lonely place our parlour is now. 'Tis when there I miss you even more keenly than anywhere else that is, when I am there I see that you are gone, I look at the corner where your bed used to be and see

…spent morning again. Td wants me to tell you what our subject for writing verses is, this: "trust in God." We have found quite a number of verses on that subject and I presume if we should look further we could find many more. How full the bible is of such precious words. There are many and many injunctions given us to trust in the Lord and again and again are we told that they that trust in Him need not be afraid. "Trust in the Lord" says David, "so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." Let us then, dear sister, trust implicitly in him with childlike faith knowing that we shall not "lack any

that it is empty, though wherever I am a feeling of loneliness follows me, which is aroused sometimes into a real homesick feeling, either by many thoughts of you or when some little unexpected thing occurs to remind us of you. Your likeness, taken with your dear Dr. by your side, we prize very highly, and your letters do us a vast deal of good, as Mary can testify. But O, dear Sarah, if I could only see you once more, if I could only throw my arms around your neck and lay my head on your shoulder how happy I should be, I almost envy Mary the privilege of being with you, and of seeing you walk.

any good thing."
If I have time
I will copy
what I have
found and
send them
in this. I am
sorry we have
not sent any
before, as often
suggested. Us
think Mary perhaps
can tell you
what subjects
we have had
since you left!
if you we sent
her to
It has been
much warmer
today and yes-
terday than it
has been for
some days be-
fore. Last Sun-

But if you only get well, I can stand it a little longer, though it is hard work, to be patient. Do you not find so some-times? — O, Sarah, the sleighs and cutters have been runing in Steuben to-day. Sometime after sundown last night and before sunrise this morning the ground was overlaid with a thick, soft, white covering, which is really very beautiful. It was indeed a grand sight that greeted my eyes when I first awoke this morning. The whole country, from our Penymynydd hills on the north to those beautiful hills that we see far, far to the south was covered with snow that looked mildly and smilingly on us, and it seemed to yield

...pose. Last Sunday we had hard work to keep warm, although we muffled up our best. We did not feel so much like going out to walk with nothing only [?] our sun-bonnets on. I guess you remember the day before they left, I guess you remember the walk we had that Sunday afternoon, have you? I have not seen either of the girls since you left. Lizzie

O Sarah I forgot to tell you that I dreamed of you last night after all. I guess I shall not dream much to-night if anything [illegible]

very readily to the warming rays of the sun. so that long before noon we could see it melting gradually and dropping from the trees and roofs of the buildings. but it will take some time before it all to melt away, there is still enough left to-night to make quite good sleighing. Lewis returned this evening in the cutter from French road. where he has been electioneering.

It is late, Sarah, and all the family I think, with the exception of Lewis, (who is reading in the kitchen) and myself have either gone or going to bed. and I must follow the good example thus set before me -- So good night darling (a kiss) pleasant dreams be yours

to-night, and I shall try to dream something about you. We hope to hear soon from you, and will write again before long. Many friends inquire kindly after you, Sarah, and all seem to re-joice that there is a prospect of your re-covery. I saw Queen last Sunday. She was well and said she was coming to see us when Sarah comes home. I must go now, good night and once more Cynthia

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] very glad to receive your letter, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a reminder [illegible]

perhaps not in so great a degree, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] things, [illegible]

very much like [illegible]

[illegible]

Mary and I washed. Elisabeth [illegible] her [illegible]

ing out, and Mary and I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], if not [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] she did [illegible]

[illegible]

weather [illegible]

and I think the climate will agree
with me health ~~on [illegible]~~ and strength.
The scenery around here is exceeding-
ly beautiful, quite romantic enough,
I think to please you, and none too
much for I walked down to the store
last evening, just at dusk, and when re-
turning was perfectly charmed with the
appearance of the hills at twilight. If I
had been in the country, and not in a vil-
lage, I think I might have lingered long,
to gaze at their rich beauty. As it was, I
involuntarily slackened my steps a little.
O Sarah I wish you could see the hills
of the "Old Granite State". The White
Mountains are in sight from a
place about half a mile distant.
I think we shall take a walk over
there some day— We would like very
much to hear particularly how you all
and each are at home. Write partic-
ularly how Mother and Father are
and tell me all about Robbie. Tell
Jane I have not forgotten my promise
to write to her. I wish she and
Laura would write to me. Is Annie
any better, is Eddie going to school,

I wish he would write a letter to her youngest sister I think it would please her very much. Give my love to cousin John and through him also to Hettie and Jennie and all the rest of the good folks. — I shall be Philosophizing and analyzing in health — — O Sarah, pray for me, pray that I may keep near to God and that I may grow in grace. I find that the new duties, pleasures and perplexities into which I am thrown incline to draw my thoughts from God, but still I think I can sometimes say, "In the multitude of my thoughts within me, thy comforts delight my soul"!

Accept much love from us all. We are all well.

Yours affectionately
Cynthia.

P. S. Give much love to cousin Hettie and ask her to please write to me — C.

Friday morn. Good [illegible],

together and in attendance at the [illegible] of which I send a programme. It was really quite interesting and I at least enjoyed it much [illegible] I believe. We did not think it best to remain through the whole and so came out at recess [illegible] at home [illegible] half past eight [illegible] quite tired this morning. The journey fatigued me a good deal, but I now [illegible] much rested, feel better than before leaving home. I think my stay here will improve my health. We have such beautiful walking [illegible] walk several times a day, sometimes with the children, sometimes alone. [illegible] shall hear from you again. [illegible] Give [illegible] to all my friends. [illegible] Mary Jones if you know. When have you heard from the girls [illegible] [illegible] succeeded [illegible] so much better [illegible]

Monday, June 1. [illegible]

My dear sister,

[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] will perhaps wish. I am down with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] day, and as I had nothing else to do [illegible] [illegible] to write [illegible] [illegible] This morning [illegible] went up [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] come down so that she might cut out my capes and that you [illegible] in the [illegible] you find us [illegible]. Anna and myself are going to have some black silk capes trimmed with black lace. Dont you think that will be pretty? I said to you that I came down with the intention of [illegible] my cape out, but sister [illegible] insisted on my [illegible] to have her make it. And when I saw that [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] and make it [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible]. She didn't have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much for I was glad of the opportunity to visit. Is she not a good kind sister. I shall always [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. I am sorry that I did not answer [illegible] very [illegible] kind letter [illegible] you must forgive and forget the past and let us try to write oftener in future. You must not think that you are forgotten, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of you often [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] neglect to write [illegible] [illegible]! [illegible] wish I could [illegible] you [illegible].

[illegible] since we were together. I feel [illegible] sick sometimes when I think of it that I don't hardly know what to do [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that well remembered day when we last saw each other.

[illegible] that we must be [illegible] but God knows best, it is [illegible] to be contented. Don't look so sad [illegible] dear sister [illegible] you will [illegible] with us [illegible] that [illegible] and you [illegible] will write [illegible] through [illegible] excuse all mistakes and [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

June 23 152

Dear Sister Sarah.

How do you do dear sister? getting along finely I hope. Really I feel ashamed to think that I have neglected this duty so very long. hope you will forgive me will you dear Sarah? I might fill this sheet quite [illegible] but I will just tell you now I am trying to [illegible] think when you hear all you will think I have many [illegible] at least I have had a great deal of [illegible] and have been almost ready to give up sometimes. I have been alone this summer, Lewis goes up to [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] and have been alone with the exception of a few [illegible] had my [illegible] work [illegible] to see to which [illegible] many a time [illegible]

almost too much for me [illegible] my [illegible] has not
been very good not better [illegible] a day before
I wouldn't [illegible] a chance to cut my [illegible] have my
hair [illegible] until [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
house cleaned thanks to our kind sister [illegible]
I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] winter. Expect [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at
home and take care of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and day
[illegible] day. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] times
we will have when you come home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I wanted to come to see you [illegible] we were coming home
from N. Y. city [illegible] thought [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
come home without [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] heard of your sickness
we were glad in some respects we did not come
Isn't it wonderful [illegible] think you are getting well again
It seems almost too much to believe. But its [illegible] [illegible]
Isn't it Sarah? Before many more weeks we hope to see
you home [illegible] [illegible] well. how soon do you expect to
I have a sty on my right eye it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Hope you will pardon [illegible] mistakes in my part of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] you will not find [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] here
day before yesterday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I washed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the stay
This letter of mine will not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] writing.
Are you [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
a days [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could [illegible] [illegible] see you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] will come to see you

[illegible] health is not very good [illegible] afternoons [illegible]

[illegible] is very anxious to see you she wishes

to be remembered very kindly and with much love to you

I have not been able to visit one afternoon with sister

[illegible] since they have gone keeping house [illegible]

went up one evening and staid all night [illegible]

[illegible] that we must [illegible] on the

sabbath. But I am so much confined at home through

the week that when I get out I feel as though I want to

stay out. [illegible] and Mary

since have returned we wrote back that was before [illegible]

came home. Please write soon and tell us all the news

then come and see us again I must give up this time.

when I left off writing it was one oclock have been

busy ever since its now half past 5 feel quite

tired. Please pardon all imperfections in this letter

and write an answer soon.

With much love your affectionate

Sister Margaret.

Dear Sarah,

Ma is reading my letter to Mary, and while she is doing so I have a great mind to see how many lines I can write on this to you. you are willing I suppose. Don't you think Sarah, that our usually sage sister Mary is rather crazy just now? that while it was very, very kind, as she herself always is, it is still rather a strange request she has made me? I think I have done my best to dissuade her from the strange wish she has got to have me there, though, of course, I did not like to hint in her letter that I thought her at all insane. You may show this to her if you like. She has

some time ago finished reading my very interesting letter, but I am not going to stop this crazy chat quite yet — O, Sarah how happy we are thinking that you are getting well and Mary too. I do hope she will recover her health. She is a dear good sister, isn't she? and it must be a great comfort and pleasure for you to have her with you if she does occasionally have fits of crazyness. I do not know but you and she will think it too bad for me to talk so about her, and I am almost afraid it is myself. Any way I love you both very much, and want to see you too —

Cynthia.

[illegible] the evening was
storming [illegible] the clock struck the
hour of [illegible] the family [illegible] in
the day then passed [illegible]
hope to forget my [illegible] in sleep.
Yesterday was much of it passed in
this [illegible] company [illegible] the [illegible]
in the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] you must [illegible], [illegible]
the morning. [illegible] did not [illegible]
[illegible] to the depot [illegible] till [illegible]
[illegible] to my [illegible] at [illegible].
The [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible]
the depot [illegible] appeared quite [illegible]
in not many hours. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] my darling sister [illegible]

me at dinner and Hanna told me
some one wished to see me.
Instantly like a flash of lightning
came the thought which is to this [illegible]
[illegible] the vision [illegible]
with heart all [illegible] and [illegible]
my [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] all [illegible],
[illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] that the [illegible] united
Again I took my seat at table but
so foolish [illegible] I could — well it
was as well confess I could be
[illegible] again only after a good long
cry. [illegible] Dr. and Mrs Burnett came
in and tried to convince me of my
foolishness but when could reason contend
with such a phantom as was my grief.
I could only answer them with tears
till at last they changed the subject
and succeeded in diverting my thoughts
but I could not quite forget or feel easy
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to think so much about heaven. Ah!
said she 'it is much easier to preach
than to practice". Poor girl, I am sorry
for her, there is much sorrow, I think,
in store for her. W. seems satisfied
with his conquest of her, and has
already opened a whole broad side of
artillery upon Miss Huddleston that
the scenes may be there is a matter
of as much interest, perhaps, to our
little world of boarders as is that
of Walker's filibustering to the country
at large. — Friday morn. Ge came in
last evening and this was left to
be finished this morn. He did not
stay but a little while and I might
have gone on but I did not like
to be up much after nine. I am
becoming quite as fond of my bed
as Mrs. Thomas used to be when
she was alone. She was in to see
a little while before tea yesterday and

as she was going away remarked "I suppose you go to bed early now" That used to be my greatest comfort when lonely" She is quite smart. Had been working all day, sewing, making candles &c. — Her sense of taste is better. "O," said she "I took some butter this morning which tasted right." she first tried it on one of the little corn cakes and afterward a few more. Her mouth fairly seemed to water as she told me of it and well it might for a long time it is since what she eats has "tasted right" as she says. I wish she would go on with her treatment for I am quite sure that Dr. has done her a great deal of good & think he will do for her still more if she but gives him a chance.

I am able to give a good report of my health. My hearing, at least, no worse but my wisdom I fear you will judge somewhat below par when I tell you of my fright the day you left me. I

Norfolk. Va. Dec. 4th 1869

Dear Sister Sarah

There seems to be a dearth of letters just now, and my heart begins to cry 'give give'. I console myself with the thought that it is [illegible] time and you are all busy - but when that is over you will write me, wont you. I must give Jennie credit for having been very faithful to write.

Since I commenced this letter I have been to the dentists, and have had a tooth out - The excitement of the occasion was somewhat too great to be enjoyable, but was quite endurable and has now nearly subsided.

Yesterday was declamation, and really some of our lads give fair promise of becoming fair orators. We are preparing for a concert to be given in one of the colored churches

for the benefit of the S. S. which is
in need of question & library books.
In your researches among S. S. treas-
ures you never came across any
simple S. readers or A. B. C. cards or
easy catechisms in English, did you
Something like our Arweinydd
would be excellent for these
scholars, so many of whom cannot
read. Mrs. [illegible] and
I talk of getting up a Christmas
Tree for our day-school. We have
commenced some needle
works, but we haven't much time
to sew. Do you suppose our church
folks would get together and
prepare something to send. There are
great many little boys with
short pants and jackets almost
too ragged to stay on them
and little girls with clothes quite
ragged. Mrs. Rogers says some
poor little things come to her

school with bare feet, and it is so cold that we have to dress just as we do at home, and very much damper than it is at home. One family we visited there consists of a father - two girls grown a little brother and a little sister The mother died about a year ago, I believe. The father does odd jobs, but is partly blind and quite feeble, so the support of the family depends mostly on the girls. One of them makes fire, sweeps and takes care of our school room - the other does the same for Mrs. Rogers. They seem really worthy girls, christians, and blessed with kind dispositions, but they are very poor and really destitute in clothing, so much so that Hulda, the one who makes our fire, and also attends our school staid out this week because her

shoes and dress were not decent.
She did not complain but,
we learned it by inquiring
They are short and stout built.
quite black, with pleasant
features — There are 4 or 5
of our boys particularly ragged,
one about Robbie's size & the
others smaller

Mrs. R. is just going to the P.O.
so I will close and send it
with her.

Cynthia.

Sat: morn We expect Mary home
today I saw Smith
Roberts last night
We will not look
for you till the
first of the week

Friday eve

Dear Sarah

We received your note this morning, and were very glad to hear that Uncle is better. You speak of Fannie as quite frail. Why not bring her up with you for a week or two? Mother and the girls think she had better come. We would all be very glad to see her. In great haste

Cynthia.

P.S. I was intending to send this down with brother John, and he was just starting as I wrote, but as we can keep it a little longer until J. D. Griffith goes home, my "great haste" has passed. Mother wants to know if you have priced sugar, and wishes you to

write if you need more money.
If Dr Pierce has no money in hand he will give you the bill, and we will send pay down to him next week. If you are pressed, of course you can borrow of Uncle.

Auntie fell from the side of the bed as we were taking her up Tues. night, or Wednesday morning, I suppose it was. She complains much of her knee, and did not eat but two or three mouthfuls Wednesday. Yesterday she ate a little more, but she has not eaten anything to day. We cannot tell how much she is hurt. There is no bruise to be seen.
Mary has not come home yet.
My photo-s came to-day. We like them.
Anna did not feel very well this morn. but is better this P. M. Jennie helps a great deal with the house work. Anna made some very nice butter yesterday. Susan was here visiting to-day. I milked Spot to night for fun, and sweated over it – at a great rate We hope to see Jennie. When is cousin Mary coming up? We are ready and shall be glad to see her and cousin Sarah any time Love to all Cynthia.

Please bring Mr. J Pugh's package of Child's Papers from Warner & Kay's

1860's

Dear Sarah,

I have just come from Dr. Priest's and feel as though I had. Dr. Priests was busy and Dr. something else, I didn't understand his name filled two teeth for me and put in something to quiet the nerve of another.

Dr. Priest says it will not be necessary for you to come down. You can as well send, he thinks.

If you can find my broadcloth bonnet, will you rip it and send the outside down.

Miss [illegible] says it will make up $2.00 or $3.00 cheaper than a new one, and my cloak is faded through so that it won't

not warm the dark well.
If there is any velvet with the bonnet, send it. She will probably use a good deal of velvet, and it will save purchasing. We are having a good visit at Uncles. Is Jennie coming down? Would you come next week, if I came home this? If not, and you are getting along pretty well at home, I would like to stay till next week. We will probably go to Mary's last. She sends love and invitation, special and in general for you all to visit her.

Aunt is very good to us.
What do you think of these samples? They are alpaca width double fold
In great haste
Cynthia

Norfolk, Jan. 22, 18

My dear Jennie

Another [illegible] day has come and gains a pleasant welcome. Yesterday afternoon Miss Jenks and I took a pleasure walk - my first I think in Norfolk, I have had many pleasant ones before, however I enjoyed this one exceedingly. [illegible] on Free Mason St. one of the pleasantest and widest in the city leading westward to the ~~water~~ Elizabeth River. The sun was low and cast a lovely glow on the water. Across the river [illegible] Portsmouth where stood the marine hospital a cool, roomy looking place; and out a little way in the water a light-house - many cornered - heavy looking - apparently able to breast many winds. Between us and Portsmouth anchored the New Hampshire on board which a [illegible] band was filling the air all about

[illegible] that the kitchen, and a little [illegible] house beyond it was formerly separate from the main building after the fashion of southern houses. What is now the back entry was made a room after our northern friends came here by enclosing the piece of ground lying between the house and the kitchen. But my sheet is full. With much love and asking for another letter [illegible] [illegible]

with music. We lingered some time to listen, and the thrilling tones reached us when we were a long way on our returning path. As we neared Church St. (where we board) we passed a decrepit old negro leaning on two crutches and helping himself along as best he could. "See that poor old man," said I. "He's given the strength of his years to the white folks" was Miss Jencks answer. I wanted to follow him to his home and see if he was comfortable there, but thought perhaps I could do nothing to make him more so, if he wasn't. So I hesitated till it was too late, and then was sorry I hadn't.

You ask about my room. It is not in the garret, though it is in the proper place for it, but is up three flights of stairs, pretty long ones, so we try to save ourselves a frequent ascent. At night the question of retiring is approached in this way. "Well, are you ready to try Tsunkes "Hill"? Shall we seek the

[illegible] James; or more lovingly
like the: "Suppose we ascend." [illegible]
[illegible]?" "She's gone up." [illegible]
join ours – the only two in the attic.
snug and pleasant enough when
reached, and I cannot see that
the climbing hurts me. The house
is a large square brown brick build
ing with about 6 ft. of ground, which
[illegible], between us and the St. shut in
by a neat brown picket fence, which
curves to meet the house on each side
of the front door giving open access
to passers by. We usually enter by a
side gate along a passage, also with [illegible] by the side of the
house through a back entry which has
[illegible] leading into the front hall, one
into the dining room, and from the
opposite side one into the kitchen. The
floor of this entry way is brick. so is
the back yd. in about the middle of which
is the pump of the cistern. Back of this
yd is the garden with 2 small evergreen

... a few young box trees and two or three [illegible] trees, on one of which there have during the winter appeared several buds. I picked a few dandelion blossoms from among the green grass along the sidewalk yesterday. They are such a novelty in January that I will try to remember to enclose [illegible]. The building in which [illegible] [illegible] Rogers teaches is a long low wooden building with plain close board [illegible], owned by the A. M. A. The [illegible] is a not very large 2 story brick with places at the head of the stairs for hanging shawls &c. We all assemble and [illegible] [illegible] upper room which is the larg[est] of the [illegible] [illegible] I and my followers descend to the room below. We burn coal, do not meet in the [illegible] room in evening. At home we [illegible] kerosene lamps, but the lower halls and dining room and some rooms [illegible] [illegible] are lit by gas. We also burn coal [illegible].

Dear Sister [illegible]

Your letter is [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. It [illegible] I have been [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] father [illegible] and one from [illegible]. [illegible] think I have some [illegible] this morning. It [illegible] very [illegible].

Mr. [illegible] has been sick for a week with a boil in his mouth making it hard to eat or sleep. He [illegible] for the first time to day. He has not [illegible] the vacation, [illegible] in to hear a class or two. His [illegible] his room, and I [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hodges [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

this fourth [illegible] recitation room
into which Jesse came for me then
its over. I must tell you about
my experience one day [illegible] afternoon
[illegible]. I was to pay a consolatory
visit to Mr. L. [illegible] my way home, I
overtook one of our boys thinking he
lived near, and that his mother was
at home, I engaged him to pilot
me there. He turned down a lane, he
keeping near until we reached a low
fence and gate enclosing a yard. Putting in
the gate from a pin he left me
[illegible] in the [illegible]. As I followed, I was
[illegible] led up to the furthest door of
a very unpainted little house and then
heard the [illegible] exclamation [illegible] "the
[illegible]!" There was a sudden
movement, or a variety of them, but in a
moment he reappeared at the door again
[illegible] "Come in." Obeying I saw
the table spread for supper — not with
table cloth, but [illegible]

[illegible] that I had before observed to [illegible]
in colored people's homes — little
biscuit, which I think is [illegible]
bits of meat — not [illegible] [illegible]
and a [illegible] kind of tea.

Beside table was one bed containing
chairs and stools. [illegible] father
mother and six children [illegible]
and lodged by means of [illegible]
beds on floor at night.

Cary, the boy's sister, I found
staying at home for lack of
shoes. they all seemed cheerful and
contented in their [illegible]

The children were in need of [illegible]
school books, and I had [illegible]
a note in company with [illegible]
to other homes the day before asking
them to [illegible] supplies [illegible]
[illegible] furnished [illegible]
to [illegible]. They [illegible] to try [illegible]
[illegible] so they could [illegible] the [illegible].
The mother [illegible]

I found another pupil, living alone with his mother, he also sadly in need of books. Her husband she told me was taken away for safe keeping and hid somewhere by his [illegible] during the early part of the war, and she never heard what became of him. She seemed to think he must be dead. She has one other child a daughter living in a hotel in N. Y. She is most anxious her boy shall learn to write, as she has such a time running to one and another to get a few words penned to her daughter. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Chas. [illegible] and [illegible] Alice have left us and gone to Key West. Of course we miss them.

[illegible] missed Mrs. C. a copy of your verses. "Trust in God." She is [illegible] fond of [illegible] poems and liked them [illegible] thank you dear [illegible]

[illegible] others were [illegible] is acting, but I'll try to [illegible] it and send you the ballance due for those things you [illegible] and sent us. — I ought to have written sooner but we were visiting [illegible] so much that it was neglected — Cynthia says we are all so very much obliged to you — the [illegible] looked beautifully. I wish you could have seen it and [illegible] with [illegible] — it was nicer than any we have had before. We hope you will [illegible] you something [illegible] with that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] last letter [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] things [illegible] marked [illegible] put them [illegible] on so. There can [illegible] was nothing [illegible] for John Eddie [illegible] we did [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] of his and found it very
[illegible]ricable. A venturesome black
[illegible] stands now in the middle by the gate
[illegible]ned with the winding black
[illegible] are splendid. So much [illegible]
[illegible] we have begun to [illegible]
ourselves with [illegible] have [illegible] tried
[illegible] yet. I think it will be in-
structive as well as pleasant.
[illegible] you remember, tell me how
[illegible] far you have [illegible] I will get [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] told [illegible] read letter
to send to [illegible] to [illegible].
Our last sociable was a great
pleasure, I wish you could have
been with us, and to the turkey
dinner next day, and our family
tea party at [illegible] next day evening
[illegible] but father and mother
they had [illegible] and [illegible] pretty
[illegible]. Eddie and Katie
[illegible] one left [illegible]

[illegible] the tree is the [illegible] we had the [illegible] after [illegible]

this room - We shall miss them very much. Father and Mother wish me to say that they were pleased with what you sent them, and Ma wants me to speak of how many wedding [illegible] Eddie has had. He is at school now.

Sunday morning it was so cold that there was no meeting appointed in the Church for the evening. Eddie, taking advantage of that, invited Lewis and family to come up here that they might be present with us when dear little Guy Carroll would be baptised - they all came directly after tea - before we had risen from the table indeed - Callie came right to the table and I asked if she had had supper, no, she said, haven't you eaten? asked I, then Eddie, ..

P.S. Ma was much pleased with her little bo[x]

I didn't much, she said, I didn't have any of that, (pointing to the honey and frosted cakes).

When the little rogue had had her supper "much" and the table was cleared; as Carroll was sleeping in the parlor, we brought out the melodeon and had a good sing till about eight when Carroll was baptised and again we sang one or two closing hymns — about 9 — they (Lewis' family) left us. We enjoyed our evening sing together so much — You probably know the Quarterly Meeting is to be in our church next week — so tomorrow evening we are to have a preparatory sing at Lewis' — wont you come?

Sara wishes me to ask whether the butter was received all right and whether it is good — I have not your last letter at hand it

Date — Between early in February and July 9, 1852

My Dear Sisters:

We have at last got a letter from you. We had
been ~~looking~~ looking for a letter for a long time, every night we
thought we surely would get one that night, but no, no letter came
It seemed a long time since we had heard from you. Were very sorry to hear
you were not very well. I fear Mary will have to be very careful or she
will be sick again. Miss Colegrove finished a ~~letter~~ dress she was making
for Sarah to night. Cousin Elizabeth tried it on, it looked ~~quite~~ pretty
We have not heard from Sarah for some time, but hope to soon. Do
please to forgive me for not answering your last note; I have no excuse
to give at all. But I hope to be more punctual in answering your let-
ters after this. I can not see how I could let you stay there so long before
I wrote one word. Only think of it, Jane was gone almost a year and
I did not even write one little note to her. Jane appeared to be quite anxious
we should study french, we have been trying to study it a little but
did not make much headway at it though. Edward Josiah says he will
write as soon as he finds time. He wants me to tell Jane "~~they~~ have
to work hard all day from morning till night. He has to set from
a page ~~to~~ a page and a half a day" The combadua is just coming out
and they have quite a hard time of it. We had two weddings
here last night. A man by the name of Smith came first they
came a little before six, we had not quite finished our supper.
They came rather sooner than we expected. They did not stay
but a very short time, just long enough to get tied together.
Then some time after they had been gone Thomas Evans from penymynydd
and Hannah Davis, David Davis's daughter came. They were both
Married in english. I wish you could have been here. don't you?
I have got a very poor pen to write with so you must excuse
the looks of this. It is some time after nine now, so I guess I must
stop for to night.

Friday morn. — Miss Colegrove says she is going to take our letter ~~to~~ the village this morning and she wants me to finish this so to send it with theirs. And so I will try to write a little more now although I have not any thing to say. We have been expecting Cousin Henry to come after Elizabeth and bring Letitia up to stay with with us a while all week but he has not come yet. It is a great deal harder for me to write than it is for me to talk. When I sit down to write to any one I can not get near enough to say but when I git talking with them I almost always if not always say more than I ought to. I guess I will have to make believe I am talking but still I do not think I can very easily make the pen quite as agreeable a companion as the tongue. I must say all I have got to say in a hurry or I can not send this with the others. I have not seen Henry since the evening of the donation. Mother was down to sees him not long ago he was quite well then. I must stop now. with much love your sister Cynthia

Erhart

[illegible]

Dear Sister,

I have just succeeded in availing myself of ink and paper wherewith to communicate to you my sorrow for so long neglecting to inform you of my pleasant journey after leaving you on Monday, and my safe landing at the depot in Utica early in the afternoon. Soon after our good friends said "Good bye" to us in the cars at Saratoga, we found our[illegible] in Ballston. There [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the train for Schenectady, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] adieu, barely had time to jump on board the cars bound for Troy before we were all again in motion. I had no trouble at all with my baggage [illegible] [illegible] journey as much as I could wish to, but was not sorry when we reached the City, and could give our bodies a little rest, and our stomachs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite weary of [illegible] the sand and all manner of dust, that was continually blowing ~~at the~~ in through the window and forcing itself into my [illegible] and mouth.

[illegible] took me with her to her father's where we were very cordially received and provided with a plentiful dinner which was much more palatable and refreshing than anything we had partaken of since we left the dining-room at the Mansion at seven in the morning. It was, I think, [illegible] past after two, when we reached there. After dinner we went to the garden for a few moments, and then after having demolished the dust and sand that we had accumulated during the morning, by means of a sufficient quantity of soap and water, ~~[illegible]~~ we laid down and did not rise again till tea time. Amelia came with me to Robert's rooms in the evening. Jennie had been down to the depot at noon time to meet me, but by that time had concluded that I was not coming that day and had given [illegible]. Tuesday morning I spent with cousin Mary at her boarding place, enjoyed it much. Ella was quite well and playful. In the afternoon I went to Jennie's school. It rained when we were going, and during the afternoon a good deal, but I was much interested, and so it passed pleasantly. I saw Amelia there. She said Fannie had got well rested and was feeling well. Yesterday morning I staid with Robert, he was quite busy, and I read Idle Man. I finished it this morning, and at noon Jennie went with me to cousin William's. Cousin Ellen and the baby were pretty well. Ellen had been washing.

Jennie and I took tea there and then went round till nearly nine. Tell Miriam that I went to see Jennie Griffiths, and gave her the money. Jennie was pretty well. Robert says he is going to take my [illegible] and perhaps you will see it walking with [illegible] before long. Brother Robert was very anxious to go to Saratoga last Saturday, he was intending to go in the early train P.M. but was detained [illegible] just as he was starting to take [illegible] train and he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and then went to the depot [illegible] just up the [illegible] but was too [illegible] minutes too late for the cars. Jennie said he could hardly relinquish his intention then, but had some thoughts of going in the night train which would not reach Saratoga until Sabbath morning but I suppose he could not quite bring that to harmonize with his convictions of Sabbath duties —

I intend to go home this afternoon. I have quite made with the exception of one thing I have not seen [illegible] Hibbard. I am sorry for that, but I do not know where to find her myself, and neither Jennie nor Robert have much leisure. I am right in the center of the city — and it is altogether too noisy a place for me to tell how much I think of you all, or to send love or message to our friends. I dreamed I was there again last night but I am not. I am going home, to our own dear home.

where so many precious loved ones are. O if I could only fly and be there, with dear Father and Mother once more, and brothers and sister too. It makes my heart ache to think of it.— Excuse this letter for it has been written hastily. I meant to write but little and have been thinking all the while that I would add but a few more lines but words come faster than I can write. Remember me often, and write particularly of all matters.

Yours,

Cynthia.

Bremen August 2, 1857

Dear Sister

Lewis is going soon to Bremen and I shall have time to write but little this morning. It has been very long since we have had a letter from Saratoga which makes us quite anxious. We have heard it rumored that Sarah was quite sick after Baker's visit, that makes us more anxious. Mary Lewis I believe wrote something about it to her father. Jennie was home last Saturday and told us of it but I could not learn from her, how sick she had been, or any particulars. We have not any of us seen Mary since she returned.

I wrote to you last Thursday I believe, and

sent a letter from Elizabeth. I hope you have received that. Mother will send 5 dollars in this for pocket money she says. We are all well at home. Anna went to Utica yesterday. There was to be a teachers convention there to-day and to-morrow, and Saturday they were to go from the convention to the falls. They have engaged a car so any one can go at half price. We expect Anna and Jennie home together Saturday. Excuse every delinquency in writing girls, and never be uneasy and think we are sick. We are quite well now but want very much to hear from you. O how I sometimes want to see you. Do write immediately. Love to all, and particularly to my two sisters Sarah and Mary. I wish I could write more will do so another time.

Yours in haste

Cynthia

Mother sends you five dollars, for fear you will want to buy something. It is her gift and cousin Thomas wedding fee—

Hinsdon, Nov. 12, 185[illegible]

My dear Sister,

I must crowd what I have to say into a pretty small compass as I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Thank you much for your letter which I received last Saturday night. It was dated Oct 27. I think we can appreciate in a measure your letters. They are more than common messages of love, for they are written in sickness, in weakness, when the use of the pen must cause some exertion. — We have reason to thank the Lord that though he has brought you so low, so weak, and apparently so near the brink of the "dark river" he has yet spared your lives. And he will I trust strengthen you and once more let you bathe in the river of health. [illegible] [illegible] tell how often the wish comes to us, that we could be with you and could comfort you and assist you a little. — I hope you have received that box ere this, I suppose Mary will tell you when it was sent. It will do you no good for me to write much of how you are, and what you are doing, for you already know all about that, but you have, I suppose ~~you have~~ no Oracle, who tells you how your home friends are occupied, so perhaps a little [illegible] of them would be as acceptable as any thing I could write. I say home friends, which seems most like home to you, Hinsdon or Kansas? The Mountain [illegible], or your Kansas house? The "home is where the heart is," and though perhaps you each have your dearest friend by your side, sharing in all your troubles, still do not your thoughts sometimes travel hither, and not your thoughts [illegible] the [illegible] of your heart often with ~~you~~ us? Why what is the matter with me? I am asking you questions, instead of telling you of us. Well, we often let our thoughts travel to you, and sometimes suffer our imagination to picture your forms, and home, but we do not like to have it bring your suffering before our eyes. But then when you write, tell us just how you are. I feel that we cannot indeed understand what you suffer. There has been [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

with Robert &c in Utica. Last Sat. She and R. came home, and she is staying with us now, and aunt Sarah, once our sick. Sarah has gone down with Robert, in his buggy. She may stay with him two or three weeks or only one. She has a good many friends around Utica whom she wants to visit.—

To-morrow, I expect there will be a great slaughter around our way. We expect Griffith Griffiths, Llanllowen, to come to our house to butcher. Do not tremble now, and think he is going to slaughter in the house, and your Pa and Ma, and brothers and sisters will be in danger, for he is one of those men who make a great distinction between the lives of the human and brute creation.

We hear frequently from Jennie, and occasionally from Griffith. They both seem to be well and happy, and in every [illegible] inquiring for you. Jennie says she has written to you twice, and hopes [illegible] hear received some time. I do not know as she said she had written to you Sarah, but to one or both of you I guess. I have not got her letter before me now. I have written her copies of two of your letters (when I say you I mean either of you) She said she would like to have me send her copies sometimes, for now you are sick she did not like to ~~have~~ ask you to write to her. She seems to be particularly pleased with her situation, the people around her and most everything she mentions. I received a letter last week from cousin Lizzie. She wrote that she felt so sorry for you, and asked me to give you her love when I wrote to you. She intends to come this way next Summer. You have written to us that you gave wrong directions as to sending letters Tuesday but as we have not answered your letter before Monday night, I suppose it will do as well to send it to-morrow, as to keep it longer.— Mary seems not [illegible] she is busy now. I was going to not doing much or something [illegible]. Lewis has been after a big load of Tanbark and is now eating his supper together with Rev Mr. Samuel, who is staying with us to-night, on our kitchen table, by which we (Anna and myself) are also writing. Mary is sitting by, waiting on the eaters. The table is drawn up to the stove. The stove is not now in the chimney, but in its winter station, among folks. Now have you some idea how we look.— Lewis looks at my writing and says "I hope the chills haven't affected his eyes." I hope so too. Indeed the table folks seem to be so witty in their remarks, that if my sheet were not so near full, I do not know but I would adopt a new mode of making a letter and tell you what they say. But you must try to content yourself with my original scribbling this time, and I will deliver my sheet over to Mary to receive from her a few finishing touches. Love, ever so much— Cynthia.

Precious ones; — I will have some mercy on you again and not try them as Lizzie has; perhaps you will think I have too much mercy on your brains, leaving out most carefully all that would have a tendency to weary them. However, you will not expect very much solid, abstruse, metaphysical thought from me, will you? Such as I can, I will write, & you will, I know, bear with me. Lis looks over my shoulder, and after reading the above, suggests that were it for that consideration, I should be very unwilling to trouble you with anything further after what has been written! There now she thinks I have twisted her idea, but never mind, I like it just as well. — My visit with Robert and the nice rides we had, did a great deal for me. I am a great deal better, and weigh

Please present to your Quaker friends the respects of your little Quakeress. Hope they will not find the period of acclimation a severe one.

122 lbs. what do you think of that?

My head is much better. I hope Sarah will enjoy her stay in Utica as much as I did mine.— Wonder if you have recieved your box yet, I hope you have, as it is time, according to our calcu=lation. It would have been larger and fuller, ~~only~~ had not money been very scarce with us then. Robert had just enough to get what he did, and pay the freight to St. Louis, which was four dollars and a half. I had only what R. gave me. So you see it was not the *will* that made it no larger. What lacked in goods, was made up in *love*, A poor thing though, to keep one from freezing, is it? When you write tell us what additional freight you had to pay. Hope you will enjoy reading the Harpers. Dont you think the photograph of the "old house at home" is good? Dont it make you feel almost as if you were with us! Mother's health is quite good now, Father also appears to be very well, Sarah & Anna each weigh 160. lbs! Lewis is quite strong again. All seem to be enjoying good health. Hope we can before a great while have as much of your

I have room only for *love*

Home, December 14, 1855.

Dear Sister;

I positively believe I can please you, if not by writing to you myself, by forwarding Elisabeth's letter to you. What, think you, have I been doing since we parted? Last week I spent as usual at home. This week Eddie and I have been attending school in the Academy in the village. I like it very much. Study Grammar, Arithmetic & Astronomy; and take drawing lessons. Next week I shall have to write a composition. What shall I write about? Last night I staid with Christina Manuel, and had a

very pleasant vist.

"We usualy enjoy our journeys very much nights and mornings. We have no "Charles Hawlis, Esq" to make them easy for us, 'tis true, but I would not be willing to exchange them for yours, if I could have no school at its end. We have had ~~any~~ no letters from John or Jennie since those we sent to you. We have written to them. O, Mary, I wish I knew how you ~~were~~ are feeling, how your head is, so that I could know how to write. Sarah & Anna are busy with the Christmas mittens. I wish you would write to us. We want to know just how you get along. Have you used all your or our play=money up? Have you bought anything more, or have you not

felt well, or are you out of cash, or been very busy, or how is it? How is Roberts health? Did he go to Boonville? I was close by the cars when they passed returning through Remsen. Did Robert wave his hankerchief when they passed through Remsen? or did he leave it in Utica? I was front of the Academy or in the window noon time when they passed up.

Sarah has gone to "up-stairs and said she wanted me to come very soon. So please excuse me dear. Perhaps I shall write a little more in the morning. "Pleasant dreams to you." I hope you & Robert are better. Good night my love—

Sissie—

Morning — Sarah & Anna want me to tell you what a time they had Thursday. They went to the village between 8 and 9 and staid, didn't get home till after one. They went to Mrs Edwards and got the girls to go with them to the depot and staid there about an hour waiting for you and Robert to come up in the cars, but it was full of men and there were no other animals there so after a while they went to Josiah Griffiths and staid there until the cars passed. — in haste —

Cynthia.

Monson. Sep. 9. 1857.

Dear Sisters.

Hattie wishes me to write a few lines to-night to tell you that we have received your letter from Chicago and that we hope we feel thankful to the Lord for preserving you.

Georgie brought your letter with the mail to-day. We had hoped but hardly expected to have tidings of you so soon. "It is a great comfort," said mother, as she carried it in to read to Lizzie.

The parcel from [illegible] by Brooklyn came Saturday and we sent it with a few other things to Galesburg by Express Monday afternoon. Lizzie and ma made a [illegible] and sent with it. Hope you have

received all safely, I see it is. I am very sorry we forgot to send Jennie's thimble, but I suppose you will not miss it as much as you would if you were going to have much time to sew.

Georgie says, "Tell Anna and Jennie that Eddie and I want them to write a letter to us, and we will write to them." Lizzie wants me to tell Jennie that she doesn't hear any news read, now you have gone. She says you will have to write the news in your letters so that she may know what is going on, and closes up with "give my love to the girls." She seems a good deal better, I think, than before you left. Saturday and Sunday she felt quite poorly, but [illegible] and after that she has been quite smart. Uncle came here the night you left, and brought a box of honey from Clark's, on the hill. Lizzie and Co. enjoy it very much, especially the Co. Lizzie had a letter [illegible]

from cousin Jennie. She is at a distance in Shultzville, [illegible] Co. Ohio. She appears to be enjoying herself very much, says, "with work and play I lead a busy life and a happy one too." She has commenced a school of four scholars. is a patient notwithstanding. I presume Jennie thinks any teacher needs to be patient. You doubtless discovered that my letter (if you have received it) was left unfinished. My part was done, but Sarah expected to write a little. She went out to ride with Lizzie after dinner, and while she was gone we sent it. It was getting late, and we feared to wait longer lest we would be too late for the mail. sent him with the letter as it was, and as I was to the graveyard where Eddie and George were gathering hay, and George ran with it to the village, across lots, in his shirt-sleeves and reached the P.O.

in time to have it sent. Good night, good night, it is high time I was in bed. Lillie says her eyes are almost shut. Wonder if yours are. Lizzie and Sarah sleep down stairs. Don't have to hunt spooks more than once or twice in the night.

Good night once more

Cynthia -

10th. P. S. Lewis, Jane and baby started up north yesterday. They are going to see Jane's cousin, Lydia Ann Hamlen (Pierce, formerly). She lives in Southland, near [illegible]. We expect them home the first part of next week. C.

I owe you each a letter and I hope you will be contented with a joint letter this time. We have quite a good deal of folding to do now-a-days and I cannot very easily find time to write a letter to each, and if I wrote only to one, I should not know whom to write to. My debt to Jennie is of the longest standing, and Anna wrote me the longest letter. Our folks i.e. my bed-fellows are preparing for bed, so please excuse me. Mother wants me to bid you good night for her.

Sab. 6. I am very much obliged to you both for your writing. [illegible] it was good [illegible]

far I was a long way from Margo's, and shouldn't have known where in the world to stop. I guess you are tired enough of my lingo, and are glad there is not room for much more on the sheet.

We had some excellent meetings. Mr. J. Roberts is a very sweet preacher. I do wish you could have heard him. We did not get to Ffrlogd early enough for the morning meeting, but we had an excellent meeting in the after noon. Rev. Samuel Roberts preached from the words "Him that cometh unto me I will in noways cast out". It was a very beautiful and clear sermon. Rev. Mr. Rees, Wales, preached from words something like this. "If from there thou wilt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul." After the sermons, Rev. John Griffiths, Edward Jones, New York, Brothers William D. and Morris Roberts addressed the meeting. [illegible] a good deal of [illegible]. Brother [illegible] told us at least to remember the text and I believe I shall never forget [illegible] Sophie has been very [illegible] yesterday and to-day. She had been a good deal better the day before.

I received yo[illegible]

of last week, and should probably have
answered it immediately if I had not been
busy. I went down to Utica Wednesday aft.
and didn't come home till Friday night.
Father took the horse to Utica the day and
went from Utica to Whitesville in the stage.
Yesterday morning we went with our horse
and buggy to Floyd, and came home after
in afternoon meeting. I had a very pleasant
time, and if I wasn't pressed for time I
would tell you about it. I believe I wrote
[illegible] do it [illegible] Libbie [illegible]
the depot where I waited nearly an hour for the
cars. I felt somewhat afraid of venturing to
Utica alone, I was so little acquainted with the
city, but I found no trouble. Miss [illegible] said
was going to the meeting the same time, so I sat w
her in the cars, and had her company to Aunt
Mary's gate. She was going to her sister's a little
further on. I found Aunt and Libbie both well.
Ebenezer Jones's wife, one of Aunt's nieces,
went with me to the meeting that evening.

[illegible]

We did not get there till after the first minister had preached, and Mrs. Jones wanted to go home before the ~~fuss~~ crowd came, so I didn't see father that night. The next morning Lettie went with me to Church, and I went with father to Mr. Bowells to dinner. Then I met Mrs. Evans, sister to David Roberts (Margaret Ray) She went with me to Church in the afternoon. After meeting I ~~started~~ started alone for cousin Mary's. I went ~~on~~ almost at a venture till I came to where I could go several different ways. I saw a lady standing on the piazza of a house, whom I thought I had seen in meeting, so I crossed over and asked her which was Genesee. She said "there, where those ladies ~~were~~ are going up." (It was raining, so there were not a great many ladies out.) I asked if I could find Court St. by going that way, and she said ~~I could~~ she was going to Ct. St. as soon as the rain abated a little, so I waited, and pretty soon, Margaret Williams and Elisabeth Charles came up. The lady of the house (a Mrs. Jones) invited us in, and in we went, and were soon seated. The rain meantime came down faster and faster. I do not think I had seen it rain so hard more than once and I am not sure it did then. Why, the water was soon dashing in torrents down the sides of the streets, almost as furiously as it does at the "falls!" We staid there, I should think over half an hour, and then proceeded on our way. With the lady's company (who I found had relatives about Remsen, and was intending to come up to the meeting) I ~~had~~ had no trouble in finding Mary's. Father came up after tea, to say that he would not try to come home that day on account of the ~~meeting~~, rain. I was tired, and didn't go to meeting that evening. Father came for me early the next morning, and we went to Beloyd. We got most chilled riding, but got nicely warmed at Mrs. Thomas'. Mrs. T. is quite smart now. It looked like rain when I started from Utica, but the day proved pleasant. I could not help feeling grateful, when I had left the big city, that I had not become lost among the many there. The weather had certainly been very unpleasant, but I did not suffer much from it. I think it was certainly providential that I inquired my way of that lady. I should probably have got a thorough drenching if I hadn't.

[illegible], [illegible] 30. 1858.

Dear ones all;

Have you not [illegible] [illegible] how Cynthia could be neglectful [illegible] the dear good letters you have sent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] selling her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter. The last letter I received from home was from Father, I think, and [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible] welcome. [illegible] I received one from Sarah, with a line from Jennie, stating that Sarah had left her, and that she had kept her letter until she had heard that she had ~~[illegible]~~ reached home comfortably. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again, [illegible] [illegible]

many times, though ever often with faltering faith, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] leave me. I have thought many times of David, [illegible]. He was [illegible] last winter. Does he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jesus, [illegible] [illegible] with the church? [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible].

Your [illegible]
Your affectionate
Cynthia.

was not very strong to journey. Jeppie [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible]! Wh't can't be, Sarah [illegible],
that you traveled home from [illegible],
[illegible]? while you were [illegible],
[illegible] comfortable enough that you
would not do so. [illegible] God is good, and
we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to thank him.
[illegible] says her hearing is improving, and
she was quite encouraged. O, [illegible] I do [illegible]
she might recover! Do you not hear any-
thing from [illegible]? We are talking of writing
to him soon. Perhaps we will to day or next.
What would you think if I were
to tell you that I am idling away the
[illegible] I got tired out last term and was
quite glad towards the close and through
vacation. My stomach troubled me a
great deal, and I was rather nervous &c.
So it [illegible] not to study so hard
this term, I am not studying at all, and
what with graham pudding, rest and [illegible]

[illegible] improving wonderfully. B.

[illegible]

is making <u>marked</u> improvement every day.

Lizzie wants me to tell Jennie that she was glad to get her letter and means to answer it. She does not have much time to write, as she and Jennie go to school. They enjoy going very much, and it appears to agree with their health. They received letters from [illegible] yesterday written in printing characters, so that they could read them themselves. They were very much pleased.

How is Anna's finger? Did it prove to be a felon? Mrs. Culbertson has had a rather peculiar and very painful gathering on one of her fingers. It makes her quite sick, is very long in coming to a head. How do you get along in the office now? Is Bammie there? Give my respects to him if he is, [illegible] Mr. T. [illegible]

Has Eddie decided what to do this winter? How does skating continue? I was most afraid of hearing that you had overdone. Take care, dear, and I hope you will be strong and well ere long.

Bessie's [illegible] knee continues to improve. How pleasant it would be if you were only near now, so that I might step over and see you all. How is Aunt Sarah? Does she dread the winter much? We have had beautiful fall weather. This is the last day of Autumn, and a right wintry one it is, a fit forerunner of bleak December.

Elisabeth's health is very good for her now, I expect she will write for herself though to-morrow. Bro. B. is well, and the children generally quite healthy. Hattie has a little cold to-day, but nothing serious I think [illegible] only slight. I attended the prayer meeting this evening. Came home at 8. Had a very good meeting. There seems to be a good interest here, and an earnest desire for a revival. Pray for us. One of my scholars, [illegible] I have been [illegible] I trust earnestly seeking religion since the [illegible] prayer last Sabbath evening and to-night. She has not yet found peace, but I trust Jesus will soon bring her to himself. Have I asked you [illegible]

[illegible] Thursday

Dear Mary, [illegible]

Will you [illegible] company [illegible] your sister? Thank you [illegible] for your letters. They [illegible] [illegible] Sarah and I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

"[illegible]

[illegible]

But [illegible]

[illegible]"

Anna, I should [illegible]

[illegible] Kindness [illegible]

[illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] it was

first rate. He [illegible] [illegible] pleased with it.

and the [illegible] [illegible] in the

head. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] they

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] success [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] by nine. [illegible]

[illegible]

than a time [illegible] you

[illegible]

[illegible]

Whitestown, March

Dear Mary and all the rest,

I am sorry that I have not been able to write so as to have a letter reach you this week. I intended to have written last night but Roberts and Jennie came here ~~last~~ and so of course I wanted to visit. I reached here last Wednesday about supper time and found the children much better than I expected. Johnny appears to have got quite well, only he coughs a little once in a while. Sissie looks a little pale sometimes yet, but appears well otherwise. I suppose Lewis told you that I was guest at his house for one day. I was very sorry on account of sending word to David Roberts that I could not come as soon as I expected but it was useless for me to try to do any thing about it when I reached Utica, as it was then about half past 11. I had quite a fine ride from Remsen to Trenton on the front seat in the stage (riding backwards) while the whole stage was filled with the delightful perfume of tobacco. One of the windows were dropped, but it was some ways from where I sat, so that before the fresh air that was allowed to come in through it reached me it was pretty thoroughly scented. After we reached Trenton a lady a little girl got out and I had a place on the back seat which was much pleasanter. Henry Roberts and his wife and little boy about 2 years old were in the stage and three gentleman that I did not know. When we stopped to change horses one of the gentleman(s) who had [illegible]

obliged to content himself with chewing some tobacco that he borrowed of a gentleman who had enough for them both. another gentleman got out and bought a cigar and smoked it, very considerately turning his head towards the window and puffed all the smoke out very much to his satisfaction but the wind would blow it back very much to our dissatisfaction. When I was at Robert's rooms Mr. Butler and Elizabeth came there and staid down to the lecture. I came up here in the express.

I feel quite anxious to hear how you all are at home, how are Mother and Father and Sarah and John and Sarah M. and you and all. I am enjoying myself very much indeed, but should like a letter. Elizabeth says she would like to have me stay two or three weeks to help her and take care of the children when they are packing up. Shall I stay? — As soon as Johnny saw me begin to write he said "Give my love to Grandpa and Grandma Everett and Aunt Sarah and Aunt Mary and Uncle Eddie and Aunt Anna and Uncle John and Uncle Lewis and Aunt Sarah Maria and Aunt Margaret, and give my love to that little cousin of mine. O, I think so much of that little cousin of mine." Now, Mary dear, will you write me; and if you do will you tell me how you are and how the rest are, for I do so want to know. I guess I shall close now if you have no objections — so good afternoon — Ask Anna to write

Cynthia

Dear Mary, Do you care about purchasing a bureau just now? I would sell mine for five dollars. It is plain, hard wood. Please let me know soon. I have not yet offered it for sale. We have disposed of most of our things. Our husk bed, I don't know whether mother would think it worth while to send a tick for that or not. She can have it if she likes. We would like to know when you write. We have reserved [illegible] barrels, three chairs, work stand, stove and two bedsteads for you. Hope you will be able to send for them. We shall not probably leave here until about the middle of the week after the 1st of April. I am in haste. With love to all I remain yours aff. Elizabeth.

Washington, Feb. 28. 61

Dear Annie and Jennie

Will you upon the consideration that I am not feeling very well allow one letter to suffice for you both? I received Annie's letter yesterday, and Jennie's several days ago. Jennie asked how much money I would need. I am afraid I will need a considerable. I have had the sore throat, and though I was not so very sick it was thought best to have the Dr. He has visited me a good many times, & I believe, so his bill will be something. Then my bottle to Mrs. Ellis was not very inconsiderable. Every thing possible was done for me, and Annie insists upon washing all the clothes I have worn, so that there will be no danger of my taking

sort of thing for I will take some more substantial supper. Yesterday I vomited a good deal of that dark stuff that I have occasionally thrown up. I had swallowed a considerable of pepper, vinegar and salt as my throat was sore going down, that injured my stomach, I suppose, but it is gaining strength now, and so am I. I try to be careful, and hope next week to be all right. If you can come down ... then write and tell us when to look for you.

a kind of one as is in our parlor. [Mother] has rinsed out the carpet and put matting over the hole, and had fire there nearly every day since. She tells me not to worry but I cannot help feeling badly, of course. The carpet was 7 shillings per yd. They think if they can get a yard and a half or 2 yds. to match it they could piece it and make it answer, but to make it as good as before there ought to be 2 new breadths. If it is a possible thing, do some one come down next week. You know our school closes a week from Friday. Only one more Sabbath have we to spend here. I think it will need $16. or $18. If you come next week, please send in a letter $1. and bring the rest, and do not forget that Family Record.

I am very much obliged for those ties. They are very pretty indeed. I believe I am stronger than Anna, for I have not yet got tired writing. You must both of you take care of yourselves, and not get sick before I come home. It seems that the Rev. [Roy?]

Folks not need any of you dress in [illegible] I am quite smart and couldn't have had the care [illegible] anything

Rome, [illegible]

I [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] this morning [illegible] I claim the privilege of telling the first [illegible] a capital good time [illegible] shopping, [illegible] of [illegible] piano [illegible] at Mrs. Moore's. [illegible] reached Utica, we found [illegible] at the depot, and [illegible] to Rome. We [illegible] at a hotel [illegible] went up to Mrs. Moore's to see if they could accommodate [illegible], and finding they could we all went for Lillian and Abbie [illegible], and [illegible] James [illegible] James sister are staying here too. I [illegible] much that Eddie could be here too. We had a very good lecture last evening from Proff. Root, [illegible] the Academy. Subject, Breadth of culture in this village. This evening Proff Boring

from West Winfield will lecture, to-morrow evening, I think Prof. Gordon is expected, and Friday evening R. Conklin. Though of Mr. Conklin's coming some speak very doubtingly, others confidently. We intend to call to see Kate Williams to-day. We had intended to [illegible] go to Rich. Jones', but at breakfast table Mary Ann Jones, whom we found here, proposed we should go this P.M. to the Cemetery. We intend all of us some day to go to the County House. Thomas Evans is attending court here, and staying at ~~with~~ his father's. We called on him yesterday morning and we invited him here to tea Friday afternoon. The day exercises yesterday we thought rather dull, but the lecture in the evening we enjoyed very much. I have seen several students from Whitestown. Eliza Jones, D. Edwards, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Davies, Mr. Crandall. Libbie Evans is here too. Come out here if you can. The Institute is held at Spencer's Hall, Tuesday[illegible]

[illegible]

Charleston, May 2, 18[illegible]

Dear Sister

[illegible]

[illegible] week before last [illegible] had [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] father [illegible]

[illegible] a letter [illegible]

[illegible] the company the [illegible]

[illegible] and the [illegible]

and Mrs. [illegible] thought I had [illegible]

[illegible] from which I had [illegible]

[illegible] Nov 17 [illegible]

In the Study Sat. July 26, 1873

My dear Sister

The shadow of your cheerful face which Uncle Sam brought us the other evening was most welcome, I assure you. It is a very good likeness, we think, and are very glad you have had it taken. We have sent down the one for Jane, and hope to get hers to-morrow.

Onie (Owen, he is called in Lowell) has paid us a pleasant ~~visit~~ - He was at home I think nearly two weeks, returning last Wednes. He looks well but slender. Our Mary and Fannie surprised us by walking in one evening a little over a week ago, carrying the letter which announced their coming.

much love from His

Mary returned in a few days, but Fannie staid till this morning. She and Eddie were with Sarah a few day - They walked up there, and walked home, each time, toward evening, after it cooled a little, and so thought it nice fun, and had a splendid visit there. You see horses are generally busy in the hay now. This week has been nice to get in the hay, but rather bad to take away strength, it has been very warm, especially yesterday. It has rained and cooled some this afternoon - and it rained north of here last night. We had a pleasant chat with Mr. and Mrs. Jones a few evenings ago, and he said he believed he must find a substitute for tobacco. How

resolute he was I couldn't say,
but I was wishing I could propose
a substitute. Would it be worth
while to, do you think —
Mary and Hannie were
both well, and quite cheery.
Ella was at home, when they came
on a visit, but has returned
before this. She has improved
much in health.
I fear Sister E's visit home
will be too short. They propose
leaving Lewiston about the
middle of Aug. making a short
visit at Boston on their way
here, and then reaching Mich.
by the 1st of Sept. [illegible] we will
be glad to see them, if only for
a short time. This morn we
got a letter from cous. Mary
Franklin, Ithica, asking if she would
be intruding if she and her youngest

daughter should make us a few
days visit soon. She wishes to become
a little more acquainted and to visit
her father's grave. Of course we must
send her a cordial invitation to come
Alick really came here and staid one
night with us last week! He brought
a [illegible] lot of fish he and [illegible]
[illegible] had caught, [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] once with her uncle [illegible]
folks. We and Lewis and Sa[illegible]
folks [illegible] had a great feast on the
[illegible] took Alick up to [illegible]
[illegible] writes that he enjoyed his
visit very much [illegible] sure we
did. He is about starting [illegible]
[illegible] on a trip to 1000 islands.
The warm weather affects him
more than usual [illegible]
[illegible] letter from
[illegible] this [illegible]
[illegible]
and is [illegible]
[illegible] a little better.
She has a [illegible]
[illegible] her [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] till she gets well.
He was sick with dysentery a few weeks ago
[illegible] a little while.
She is well now but not very strong
Father is looking pretty well [illegible]
[illegible] You will see
by enclosed paper that I have been
[illegible] of late, but I think I [illegible]

Remsen, Jan 13/75

Our dear Newyorkers

I am so indebted in the letter line that I feel too guilty to begin to to confess, but can only beg pardon.

We think about, and talk about, and dream about you, but somehow that doesn't carry off letters. How is poor Anna with regard to toothache, arm=ache, and wanting to play city=girl and home=girl at once? Caroline was helping us part of two days last week, and thought she might come one or two this week. I guess we will send for her to morrow

A week ago Sun. I went home

with Sarah. Had a splendid visit, staid till Thurs. when they brought me home in the afternoon, and after tea we (all but Pa and Ma) went to singing-school. Sat. night Frank began the real cure for the skin irritation that still bothered him, did as John Eddie did, applied the remedy faithfully, and we have reason to hope he will soon be well.
We gave him a dose of Sulph. every day but one I think since Sat. Shall we continue to give it? His hands I suppose will hardly heal at once, but they look better.
We had the heavy part of his bedding out over night in the frost, don't you think that will answer?
Last eve. we all went to

prayer meeting to Bro. Lewis
They are well there. Callie
just as sweet as ever,
taking great comfort with
a doll, David Price's little
girls gave her.
She looked over the hymn
book with Jennie and
me last night — traced
and pronounced the
words nicely, joining in
the singing. They all
enjoy the Organ very
much. Wm. Sarah and
I went to Pierce a week
ago to-day. Jane, Lewis and
Callie were there too. C.
repeated the pretty little
piece you sent her. —
We had a nice visit
there. Wm. and Lewis went
(with wives) to see Drs Gillette's

house and farm, didn't quite
fall in love with it. Wm.
breathed so heavily about those
days that he thought quite
favorably of ~~seeing~~ what a
visit to Mich. might do
for him. They talked of writing
to you, were owing, I think
a letter. Wm's mother is sick
a bed near this week, severe
headache and fever we were
told last night at prayer meet-
ing that Sarah had been helping
her most of the day. Tis storming
now, or Pa and Ma would like to
visit her. Frank heard that
Wm H. Evans was married
last night to some dress-
maker. Mr. Evans the minister
has another baby, born I think
Fri. last. His wife was very
low then. Only 8 or 10 ventured
to our church last Sun. It had
stormed all night, hadn't stopped
and roads were blocked, but
we had a sermon from
Rev. ~~Griffith~~ Jones, Middle Gran-
ville ^we forgot^. I think I must stop
as my sheet is full. A letter
from Eddie, rec. last night says
"We are all well, but are expecting,

[illegible] 19th

Dear Sister

Our Nephew has got to be [illegible] old [illegible], and we have [illegible] the [illegible] of Mrs. Everett & it makes me feel like an old woman. [illegible] all able to go up last evening.

Mother [illegible] and I [illegible] Mr and [illegible] for a while. It stormed so [illegible] going [illegible] [illegible] but umbrellas [illegible] [illegible]. All [illegible] was there. We think there was a [illegible] 50 [illegible] in all. Many of [illegible] Esther's [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible] the ceremony. They had 12 kinds of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to send some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Johnnie [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] thought you were here;
Said [illegible] & I you together
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] approve.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]. Eddie
[illegible] I take [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible].
have not done much trouble
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thought
that you would help. Hope it does

the excitement last night [illegible] gave some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] more. Your letter about [illegible] furniture [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] are trying to do your best!

[illegible] says [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We are rather crowded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Frank and [illegible] [illegible] staid at [illegible] [illegible] last night thinking of [illegible] a [illegible] to Rome to-day, stopping a [illegible] on the way home at [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to spend the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (his father!) He looked well and happy though very thoughtful, not forgetting his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thought. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Will and rejoicing in having had a letter from you — he is a good brother and you must not neglect him. Jane and Jane Hughes were neither of them feeling very fit to go berrying today and they tried to take things easy — I hope it will not make them sick again. I believe I wrote to you that they were both quite poorly last week — Mr. Phillips left us again this morning to go to the Plainfield meeting — he hardly expected to be home again this week perhaps not till the Cymanfa comes to Remsen — Our Lodge last week voted to send Mr. Mitchel as delegate to the Grand Lodge and to pay his expenses — Cynthia expects to go to Camp Meeting next Wednesday — I do not know about the rest of us.

Dear Sisters

I think your letters awakened something more than echoes. They have been sounding a response in my heart ever since we first began to receive them but the three essentials to making up a letter time, opportunity and inclination never seem to come all at once. Monday instead of washing, ironing, baking and [illegible] went up to Ninety-six, huckleberrying [illegible] and [illegible] Hugh [illegible] and two of Jane's little boys went with us. We had a pleasant time and brought from 20 to 25 quarts.

1870s

... meal.

We are so glad Annie improves, hope she will gain in strength and that the pain in her stomach will not trouble her again. The friends all often inquire for you.

Hugh Thomson, Jr. told me to tell you that he was very lonely since you were gone, and that you could well tell the reason why. He tries to find consolation in waiting on Maggie Ann Jones — anyway I saw him coming home with her.

Your first letter to me came Wednes. evening when somebody was here. Mother brought us the letter to read saying there were no secrets in it so he saw the passage referring to himself and sends word with his regard that the "Wednes. evening meetings were growing more and more interesting and he thought quite profitable!" Everything goes on here pleasantly and

We are glad that your enjoying your visit — I hope as Eddie says you will stay and make a good long visit" — especially if Anna is gaining — we feel quite nicely — I ... bread this morning before I went and Mother baked ...

We have two nice stones that I picked out of a heap in the garden, one a flat thin one that heats very quickly, and another a smooth thicker one that retains the heat a long time. We do not use either of them nights, as the hot mustard water warms Anna's feet for all night, and our bed never feels cold, but Anna is glad to have one in the morning to keep her warm while she is resting after stirring around to dress, &c. We have the room you slept in, Lonnie, and Mary has the one out of it. Mrs. Evans bed room is down stairs. Lewis sleeps in the front chamber, and Mrs. Evans takes pains to have the feather bed airing by the stove pipe for several hours before it is made up the first of the week for him. He enjoys Lewis company very much, and it seems nice to see some direct from home [illegible]. [illegible] Evans [illegible] girls is coming [illegible] with him next time. [illegible] glad to see her. I was glad to hear [illegible] that you continue to have such

good [illegible] [illegible] with

you this afternoon. O, to feel, as [illegible] Thos.

Jones said, that [illegible] is here, just at hand,

and to confide in him as the [illegible].

He will [illegible] our [illegible], if not

in this world, at least in another. He has

promised that [illegible]

[illegible] away. "Weeping may endure for a

night, but joy cometh in the morning."

"They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow

and sighing shall flee away."

I hope father and mother [illegible] well,

and [illegible], [illegible] is so good, it [illegible]

as though [illegible] happy in

[illegible]

[illegible] with you.

suppose you may have to break [illegible]

up when the weather [illegible] cold,

unless we have a [illegible]

you conclude to next [illegible].

Miss Edwards called here yesterday after-

noon and [illegible] in the evening.

She says that some pleasant day she is going to

[illegible]

a long time, or she would have been [illegible]

[illegible]

Thanks [illegible] the [illegible] ago [illegible] the second of [illegible]
[illegible] Mitchell [illegible] the twenty [illegible]

the last [illegible] I mean to have [illegible] and with [illegible] the lodge [illegible] you may [illegible] send [illegible] feeling [illegible] so long [illegible] that [illegible] for [illegible]

1870's

At Eddie's. Mon. Morn.

Good morning all. I hope you had such a good sleep as I did last night, and feel as fresh as little Carroll looks who is chattering away in a chair near me.

The cars brought me safely to Lyon's Falls, but when I left them there I saw neither stage nor brother waiting. I felt a little disappointed, but while I was making inquiries of the depot man about the stage, he glanced out and said, "Here is Everett." "Well, he is the one I want" said I, and most joyfully turned to the door

Mate meant to have come;
but the weather kept her
at home. Eddie brought
their cutter over to the barn
the night before to line it
and was a littlebit later
starting, trying to finish
it. - I found them all
well. Will's folks too, and
very much pleased with
the sausage &c. Orrie will
write about Cullie's gift -
I guess. He is coming here
to dinner to day

Mate and Eddie send
many thanks, Will thinks
Jane must think Orrie
is boarding himself by the
way she sends the victuals,
but I told him that was
for them all

I ngreat haste Cynthia

My own dear Robbie

I keep wishing again and again and again, that I might do something to help you get rid of that troublesome habit that you have been fighting with so long, but fail to think of anything just now that I can put my small hand on to help, and so conclude to try a little inducement just to remind you that you have my sympathy and earnest well wishes.

Now for the next 30 days you can earn 10 cts. each 24 hours that you live without the use of Tobacco, $3.00 which I send in anticipation, and the rest I shall be considerably happy if permitted to pay you by.

If you would like a fresh start the next [illegible] don't hurry [illegible] [illegible] up your mind to be helped.

I send a few powders now, some of which you can offer Stil[illegible] Harry if you have opportunity.

Before I stop let me beg you to lay hold of the surest cause of success by asking in simple faith that our Heavenly Father will grant you help. [illegible] half [illegible] way. He [illegible] and knows just the best way in which to do so. [illegible]

We got a letter from Aunt Mary last night containing this new kind of med. which is more powerful than the last kind she sent and to be taken when the temptation for the old practice is wonderfully strong - This I

you now, for I am not good at making apologies, and yet think I ought to offer a very good one for my long neglect in answering your kind letter. Can you forgive me, and believe me when I say that it was not coldness, nor even forgetfulness that made me so delinquent.

We all think and ~~and~~ speak often of our relatives in the Old World, but somehow written communications between us have always been, like angel visits, "few and far between." Cousin Margaret has recently favored us with a long and very interesting letter, and we have also had one from Aunt Jane Williams and her daughter Lizzie, which we have just answered, so that by it all, the ocean has ceased to seem such a great barrier, and all our friends on the other side have been brought nearer us. Perhaps you have not felt it, but we have.

nature, or providence in nature, is very good to us. It [illegible] seem to be only come to any degree of perfection through long experience, and many graces of the Spirit, which with such as have had a long and blessed christian experience with what [illegible] luster do they sometimes shine. I hope I do not idolize any father, but sometimes I think I come pretty near it.

Dear Cousin, anything that you can write about your dear departed father will be of great interest to us. I hope you will not fail to write soon; take warning by me, and do not begin to delay, and remember that any little incidents connected with life, habits, climate or any thing in England or Wales will be novel and pleasing to us. Our parents seldom speak at any length of such things now so there would be no danger of your telling anything old. We would also like to hear anything connected with yourself or family. I suppose of course you are interested in our National struggle. I have so little space left that I can only allude to it. It has been fearful and bloody, but we hope soon to see its end, and we confidently expect it will result in the fulfillment of our long, long, ~~long~~ indulged wish and most fervent prayer that the foul system of slavery shall cease to defile [ou]r country. Oh what a curse it is [illegible] where ever it exists!! My sisters [illegible] father and mother [illegible] in our [illegible] to yourself, your mother and all our cousins. Remember [illegible] [illegible] look for a letter to assure [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] affection [illegible] your cousin [illegible]

The baby comes to me now, and, putting both hands behind him, as though taking some great treasures out of a coat=pocket, puts them in my hand and lifts it to my mouth, but what he thus condemns me to eat I cannot imagine, for he speaks the name so very babyfied that I cannot understand it. I hope it will not prove injurious. Next time, however, he is intelligible. Coming softly in at the door, he shakes hands, and says, "doo mornin, doo mornin". I have a mind to send one of his good mornings to you. Perhaps that is what he wants. Are babies in Wales so bewitching, I wonder, as to win all hearts. They are here, at least ours is.

Give our love and warmest sympathy to your dear mother, cousin Charles; we have always heard her spoken of as so gentle and mild, that we have learned to love her dearly. Cousin Margaret has written to us about the death of her two brothers. All these afflictions must sadden her life much, but we are glad to know by what Margaret writes that she is able to see the bright gleams in the darkness, and stay her

[illegible], Oct. 3/[illegible]

Hon. [illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible] comply with your [illegible] to acknowledge the receipt of [illegible]

[illegible] reference to the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that it [illegible]

[illegible] of our country, whether [illegible]

I feel confident [illegible]

[illegible]

never heard that [illegible]

supernatural power to resist [illegible]

of every [illegible].

[illegible]

again [illegible]

furniture generally [illegible]
the arrangements were [illegible]
[illegible] were thought perhaps [illegible]
[illegible] time found their way [illegible]
and could not help [illegible] we were [illegible]
[illegible] a great [illegible]
freedmen, though we are not doing [illegible]
as we ought. Do you not think we are [illegible]
a good [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
the [illegible] political [illegible] Living in
the country, political excitement [illegible]
less with us than in larger places [illegible]
interest is deep and strong. All our [illegible]
strongest men are true to the right, though [illegible]
few from whom we expected better things
have become supporters of [illegible] policy.

R. Conkling, our representative and
candidate, is to deliver a speech a few
miles east from here on Friday [illegible]
I [illegible] a grand [illegible]
[illegible] He [illegible] will [illegible]

Rome, [illegible] 20, 18[illegible]8.

Dear friends at home

[illegible]

be looking for a letter from us about the time, so I will write a few lines, that you may not be disappointed. We would answer [illegible] letter, written as she was recovering from that attack of [illegible]ache, only we are afraid the letter would miss her, as I suppose if she is able, she is about starting for New York. We shall be very glad indeed [illegible] if she finds it practicable to stop here on her way down (or rather, out of her way) It was very pleasant to [illegible] Lewis here, and to hear from you all. [illegible] thank you for the things you sent, and [illegible] did not [illegible] in Lewis brought [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] did [illegible] like to [illegible]

formerly resided in [illegible] a cousin of Mr. W[illegible]ghtest and a friend of Eddie. Mary will remember perhaps [illegible] called there with [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible] out. I had not returned her call before. We had pleasant time. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] attended [illegible] [illegible], and we girls are home alone. I [illegible] [illegible] my sister [illegible] [illegible]. Emma Prichard [illegible] [illegible] for me. Anna's [illegible] is finished and is very pretty and comfortable. She went with Mrs. Evans to call on [next neighbor] Mrs. Copeland, yesterday afternoon, and [illegible] it for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It was [illegible] [illegible] one of those rainy days when she couldn't go out.

When have you heard from Eddie and Griffith. We want to write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a letter to Eddie. Mrs. Evans and I went up [illegible] [illegible] is called Keith St. the other afternoon and made three calls. The friends didn't hardly [illegible] [illegible] whether I was Mary or not.

Rome, Nov. 27, 1868

Dear Sisters

Another thanksgiving day with its weight of blessed memories of a year's unnumbered mercies, has come and gone. I wondered at myself that at thought of so much that called for ardent thanksgiving my heart was not stirred with livelier grati-tude. Last evening Mary Evans and I attend-ed a prayer meeting at the "Capel bach", as they call the Welsh Cong. church. We had a good meeting, and heard recounted some of our causes for a National thanksgiving.

Mr. Edwards (Ers.) made a few very inter-esting remarks. He said that this country was so productive that it had been com-pared to the seven years of plenty in Egypt, that such scarcity as often produced suffer-ing in other countries was [illegible] here, and there was no want save where drunkenness

and did not return until some little time after dark. It was the first time she had been out so late, but as she was well wrapped up, she did not take cold. Dr. [illegible] called yesterday, just a few minutes before Mary left. He was well pleased that she had taken the ride. It will do her good I have no doubt, though it has made her back pretty tired and lame. It is the longest ride she has taken. She took things pretty quietly yesterday, it was too rainy for a walk even if she had not been tired. Last night she rested very well, better than for a long time before, and feels quite smart this morning. Some time when Lewis or some one else comes, if convenient we would like to have you send Anna's bonnet and waterfall. There is no hurry about it, as she cannot go to church yet, and I can wear my jockey awhile, but I will probably wear it some after awhile, if it is there, and if she gets strong enough. Anna is very anxious to attend the Anniversary of the Tri.

[illegible], F[illegible] 9, 1861

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] write you a few lines before meeting, though it is now just "gloaming time" and I'm afraid my eyes will cheat me of the [illegible] soon. Mother says father [illegible] [illegible] peruvian bark ~~last~~ Spring, and wants to know if she had better give him some now. If you think she had, Jennie will please bring some home. Anna wishes [illegible] to send some mercurius. We received a good letter from Ottie yesterday. She wants to hear [illegible] [illegible] I must get a light. — There, I have got a light, — and had supper — That's better. Ellen is here practicing. Anna is pretty smart. We, she and I, made a little call at J. D. G's yesterday. Tommy drove us down.

The funeral was at 2 o clock in our church. The Pierce girls are paying Kate [illegible] a visit now. They promise to try to visit us. Mother and I made some custard pies to-day, we had one [illegible] supper, and we [illegible] which we made a [illegible] that is pretty good, but rather thick. I tried my hand at making cookies yesterday, but we have not tried our mouths at eating them yet. For [illegible] trying [illegible] to fill your place. At noon we had biscuit. Sarah served them, and I served the potatoe. Interesting items, aren't they?

They have gone for their home. so I must stop. Love from all.

Sis E. Everett

Thurs. A. M.

Dear Girls — I met Lizzie Howell as she was coming from the depot, and received the package and letter from her hands. We hope Mary feels better, and that your stay will be of great benefit to Jennie. We are suited with your decision to remain a week longer. This letter from Cornelia we have read, and Anna has written a short reply telling her where you are &c. I sent that worsted of [illegible] brother with a note with John B. Tues. to Thomas' store. Isabel came up Tues. night. I went after being to the depot that morning, with Mrs. Wm. Ames & Mrs. Montagues, and as no one was with them I staid till between one and two o'clock. Emily Douglass came, and I went for a little while over to the Teacher's Commission. From there Jennie Griffith and I came up to Susan's, got supper for her, made her bed and fixed her up staying till [illegible] Richard came to remain with her

Susan was taken with a billious attack Sunday night. John called the Dr. She was very sick for several hours, but [illegible] afternoon was again pretty smart. H. Hughes and Owen D. have been here all this week, excepting yesterday afternoon. Thomas Hughes will come to work for us if Eddie has not engaged some one. He sent a letter to Eddie to-day. William Morris was buried yesterday. Father and Mr. [illegible] preached funeral in the house. Mr. [illegible]'s funeral was also yesterday at one o'clock. We did not go down, it rained, and we were [illegible]. Ma. went with father as far as John [illegible] and staid till his return. They got along very well notwithstanding the rain. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] at Mr. [illegible] [illegible] this morning. Susan has commenced taking her [illegible] again [illegible]. She is better than when you left. [illegible] it is not [illegible] a [illegible], Isaac Pierce is recovering. Rich'd Thomas' little boy is very sick. John J. Griffith's wife has been very sick, but is some better. Cornelius Griffith's wife is quite [illegible]. We are getting along well with the [illegible] work. [illegible] father came to [illegible] yesterday and adjourned, [illegible] going to [illegible] [illegible] yesterday but has [illegible] business that [illegible] [illegible]. We thought it quite [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] your letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good letter [illegible] [illegible]. Write again [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] friend.

Rome, [illegible]

Dear Sister

[illegible] was rejoicing with the joyous intelligence that she and mother are coming to see us. I intend to go to the [illegible] [illegible] if they are there at the same time I will mention two or three things we would like to have provided they do not start till to-morrow. Emma's scarf, white mittens and thick veil. She thinks they are in the next to the lowest drawer in her bureau. also my [illegible] which is in a [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] in my bureau [illegible]. The [illegible] we mentioned before, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible] a later time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] which was
Monday [illegible] quite tired and took
a little addition to her cold. Still I think
it did her good and the Dr. told her
to go again the next pleasant day.
She took quite a little walk yesterday
which did not hurt her. Dr is beginning
to treat her back more; he says the
stomach and liver are now in a pretty
good state. She became a little excited
over father's letter, that is it made her
tremble a little and feel queer. I am
almost afraid that the excitement of
a visit home and the exposure and
fatigue of a journey would do her
more harm than good, though she
has been quite anxious to go home.
She doesn't feel so much disposed to
go after the cold weather [illegible]
I am much better than when I first
came; not nearly so much inclined
to dyspepsia (though I was [illegible]
I [illegible] be [illegible])

[illegible]

Friday afternoon

Dear Sisters

Eddie came home and surprised us all this morning. He is going to stay till Monday morning. He is not very well, and came to recruit and visit. He is taking homeopathy remedies for a bad cough, originating, the Dr. says, from billiousness. He seemed to have a hard cold and cough [illegible], and at night William made him a bowl of onion tea had him drink it — and soak his feet in hot water. He sweat all night, but that did not cure him, he coughed very hard for several days, but is better now. He has been down to Lewis, and over to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and is going with us to the G. T.'s Lodge to-night: so you see he is n't [illegible], sick, but his cough is bad yet; and he does n't [illegible] looking well. We thought you one or both might perhaps think best to come home tomorrow to see him, hence this hurried note.

We are well as usual at home [illegible] Anna is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

My dear friend,- Is Seymour in Utica? Whether Johnny Hughes is there? please to send my likeness. please to send a pound of sugar, because Grandma needs some. didn't I write nice writing. Tell Aunt Jennie to get me that basket. Uncle Eddie has come home. Get a whistle for me. Uncle Eddie brought some maple sugar down. Aunt Cynthia sleeps with me. I coughed in the night lots. I had some candy for my cough.

Johnny.

~~B[illegible]~~

~~Jan 21~~

I am sorry that [illegible] [illegible]
and my [illegible] [illegible]
day when father [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thanks
and half [illegible] of the old
[illegible] [illegible].
I think I have two chemises
at home, one [illegible] [illegible]
one and one [illegible] [illegible]
of a nightdress [illegible]
and [illegible]. [illegible]
coming with father. I [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] feel better
[illegible] [illegible]. My [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it
[illegible] [illegible].

I wish my mind was an inventing machine, so that
it would think up something new every day to
interest and amuse my scholars.
Please send with father a few sheets of thin
writing paper, and a little bunch of flowers
if you can just as well as not, I'd rather
if they are not arranged at all and do get
withered. Love, love, love to each one

Wednes. Afternoon

Dear Jennie, I've just been
reading your letter and comic
pictures. They were a real treat.
yours to Eddie with so much
[illegible] into my eyes, heart
and soul good. I ought to
have a better picture [illegible]
to pay for it. This week brings
in one of the first warm
weather we've had. It is the
same for the children to enjoy
study much. [illegible]
[illegible] and May.
[illegible] like to enjoy them

visit with you. How long
are they going to stay?
Mrs. Wm. Roberts, A. W. Roberts
mother is recovering from
her illness, she is able to
sit up now. The baby
has grown almost [illegible]
and my [illegible] to [illegible] the
children. It don't seem like
writing, tho. I suppose I [illegible]
when I [illegible] to the
[illegible] up — the [illegible]
society at [illegible] expect to have
a [illegible] very [illegible] a [illegible] for
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to you — [illegible].

My darling

at that—for I feel just so. I am hoping to hear that you are no worse for your visit to F[illegible] — Your letter from there was very welcome.
This little bud is from the "Burning Bush". Doesn't it look like an apple blossom? On the shrub the blossoms are much redder, this blossomed on a sprig I picked, after it had been in our room over a week, and it is pale. I got it in the cemetery. One of my scholars, a quiet, sensible girl, about 18 years old, was with me. We wound also into the colored people's burying ground. O, it was touching to see so many graves without stones: often there would be a little low board slab shaped like a head stone. Here and there some

from Cynthia [illegible] 1870

I asked if her husband was living. "Yes," she said, "the last I heard." "Then he is at home?" "O, no ma'am, he left me 7 years ago and now he is married to another." "It was mighty hard." He belonged to another master from herself, she said. I fear it will be long before many of them will learn to regard marriage as sacredly as they should. It is plain that in their education they had not many "Mrs. Shelbys" to "burden them with a morality above their condition."

[illegible] Water, the girl who went with me to the graveyard, is a very well behaved [illegible] girl, just as good [illegible] as one could possibly be. Her mother is a widow, with only two children, [illegible], and a sister older. They are all very well [illegible] appearing. Their family were all the [illegible] their master had. They were well [illegible], lived in the kitchen, a little house with a room below and one above, separate from the family house after the style of southern kitchens. They had the unusual privilege of eating on a table set in their room at the same time that the meal was served in the house, and did not have to wait and be [illegible] the broken fragments. One of them stayed to wait on the table for the family. They say they were much attached to their masters and mistresses, the children used to play with them, and they were treated [illegible] alike, only the white children were sent to School and they were not. When Lincoln [illegible] declared all slaves free, they were told by their mistress that they were free, and were brought in a wagon

[illegible] to day where live
grandma, a mother, and two boys.
They have one bed, and fix some [illegible]
[illegible] for the night. "Grandma" is
an unusually pleasant and sensible
appearing woman, about 50 years old whose husband
is a "lighter", that is, he brings wood in
boats from somewhere in the coun-
try. Her name is Minnie Walden. Her
husband comes home when he can.
She was making over some of the raggedest stockings I ever saw into little socks
for the youngest boy. I have a pair,
less ragged than those, that I am going
to take her next week. Mrs. Gentrees, the daugh-
ter, has three children, but the eldest, a daughter, is
attending the normal and industrial
school at Hampton. Mrs. G. said "I have
no education myself but I intend
my children shall have". The eldest of her
boys does errands and goes to market for a
family for 5 cts. a week and comes
to school besides. The little one goes to Visit.

I was not half wishing I had [illegible] at some of the old tables we have at home [illegible]

In the Study Sat. Jan. 26, 1873

My dear Sister

The shadow of your charming face which Uncle Sam brought us the other evening was most welcome, I assure you. It is a very good likeness, we think, and are very glad you have had it taken. We have sent down the one for Jane and hope to get hers to-morrow.

Onie (Owen, he is called in [illegible]) has paid us a pleasant ~~visit~~ visit. He was at home I think nearly two weeks, returning last Wednes. He looks well, but slender. Our Mary and Fannie surprised us by walking in one evening a little over a week ago, carrying the letter which announced their coming.

improve [illegible] now — Much love from Sis

daughter should make us a few days visit soon. She wishes to become a little more acquainted and to visit her father's grave. Of course we will send her a cordial invitation to come. Alick [illegible] came here and staid one night with us last week! He brought a great lot of fish he and [illegible] [illegible] had caught, — [illegible] the same went once with her uncle Dick's folks. [illegible] and Lewis and Sarah's folks [illegible] had a great feast on them. Jennie took Alick up to Glyn. Mary writes that he enjoyed his visit very much, I am sure he did. He is about starting now, I believe on a trip to 1000 Islands. The warm weather affects him more than usual, Mary says. Anna got a good long letter from Kate this morning. [illegible] canker. Carroll is quite [illegible] sore mouth, cries and is very restless nights, but she thought he was getting a little better. She has a girl, who came Tues. and [illegible] takes [illegible] her well. Kate hopes to keep [illegible] till he gets well. Ma was sick with dysentery a few weeks ago. but [illegible] a little while. She is well now but not very strong. Father is looking pretty weak, but is around as usual. You will see by enclosed paper that I have been [illegible] of late, but I think I am

North Hampton, Nov. 16. 1858.

Dear Friends,

I have unanswered letters from so many of you that I think I will write you all together. It will do just as well so, will it not? To day I received Pa's and Annie's letter, forwarded from New York, with $15. Thank you very much for the money, and your good, kind, heart-cheering letters. We were sorry to hear of Annie's Erysipelas. Hope it will not prove serious, and that the [illegible] treatment will be successful. I am glad her throat has not been so bad as we feared. I should think by these things that she ought to take time to be sick awhile and rest. — Anna's and Eddie's letter was received last week, shortly after I had written to them. You may be sure we were very glad to get it. Eddie dear, you needed not to be at all fearful of writing, though at so late a date. Better late than never, you know. You ask what I think of your working in the office this winter, if you don't go to school. I should like better, for your health's sake, if you had suggested some more active employment, as carpenting or farming somewhere. But as you

her for my bonnet. I did not get the plume nor flower he spoke of, she said it was [illegible] & spoke of getting the 50 cent plume she thought she could fix it for 2. 00. I got a very pretty bunch of flowers, one velvet, with velvet leaves, that looks like a very nice one, brown and blue for 12½ cts for one side, and she fixed a cunning little something for the other, for 12. She could not make it in a new frame without cutting up one of the pieces of velvet for folds so I got a quarter of a yard of beautiful dark blue satin for folds for 31cts. I had a very pretty flower for one side inside and got something for the other for 17cts, 50 for making, 38 for frame, 18 for cape lining and sewing silk, making in all $1,67. It is exceedingly neat and pretty. I think I like it quite as well as if I had got the 75. feather. If I can and I think I can I would rather get my talma fixed, than get a new cloak, it is so nice and pretty, and it will give me a better opportunity to wear it out. It is quite an undertaking for me to do so much towards selecting [illegible], although Elisabeth does help me by advice.

O, how much I love you all. Sister [illegible]

Write again soon to

Your Cynthia

New Hampton, Aug 4th

Dear Friends, one and all,

Welcome, thrice welcome was the familiar face of old [illegible] as he suddenly stepped in this afternoon!

It was a long time since I had received something tangible from home before, something to make me really know that you still existed. My last letter from home dates, I believe, July 18. Of late you may be sure I have longed much for a letter. I hope and am disappointed every time the mail comes. But I am in a measure prevented from being homesick by the very frequent visits I have from you. You are with me often, or I with you in my thoughts, and in my dreams

As I was writing, Sophie wanted to enclose this. I was going to ask them if they had forgotten her letter. She wrote to Grandma a good while ago your uncle, and asked her to write too, she says. Hattie wrote to Grandpa in my last letter, which I hope has been received.

one after another, often several of you together favor me with your company, and your presence seems almost a reality. Still I suppose the reality would be a good deal more satisfactory. — I have tried to think why no one writes to us. Sometimes I hope Jennie is going to surprise us by her sudden appearance. I do not know when the Commencement is at Holyoke, and so cannot tell when to give up hoping. You must have been busy, very, I know, with haying, Cenhadwr &c. I was glad to see the Cen. in such good season. I have not read much in it yet, but I had one good feast on the "Len cymriag" when it first came. I noticed the death of Mary Lewis and of Thomas Morgan's little child. Has there been much sickness in Remsen recently? Does Isaac Pierce get any better?

Last week we all (excepting the kittens) went over to Meriddith to visit "Uncle Baxter"'s family, went Monday and returned

Friday. Had a very pleasant visit,
I enjoyed the ride exceedingly. Mr. B.
borrowed Elder Fisk's horse and carriage—a
minister's horse, you know, steady and
dignified as old Tom, but more so, the
buggy too, was old fashioned, so that I
could almost fancy myself on the way to Fengonnyddi; were it not for the great rocks and
greater mountains, stump fences, oak groves
guide-boards, &c. &c. We passed two or three
beautiful ponds, where we could see the pond
lily's with their broad flat leaves, resting quietly
after their long journey from the bottom of the
water.— Our vacation is rapidly passing.
It's already half gone, I believe. It is very quiet
here. If I were to walk the street (we have but
one, you know) from morning till night, I do
not know that I should see many more than a doz-
en different faces. — It is after nine. Elizabeth
has just been in with some of Lizzie's clothes-
and she advises me not to sit up much later

as I can finish this to-morrow, and I suppose ~~I~~ I can if to-morrow comes to me as I hope it may. So good night all

Cynthia.

Thursday. the 5th. I have nothing special to add to-day, but is pleasant to be able to say that this ~~has been~~ a beautiful day. The clouds have ceased their dismal dropping, and arranged themselves in silvery piles along the horizon, leaving the upper heavens comparatively clear. We have had much cold wet weather of late, very ~~un~~ favorable for haying, as I presume it has been generally over the country. How have you got along with your haying? O, how I should love to be with you for a week, when so many are together. Has Dr. Strong left? Has Pierce got quite over the ague; and how is Annie. How do the babies prosper. Elizabeth has been quite poorly since Anniversary, but is better since her visit to Meredith. She sends love, and so we all, we want very much to hear. Write soon, do please, to

Your affectionate Cynthia.

of Found on earth.

Remsen, May 8. 1861.

My dear friends;

That sounds cool, doesn't it, but never mind, I don't feel so, we know that, don't we? Your letter I received last night. Thank you for those samples. Two of them I think very pretty, but our folks have concluded to let me have that piece of [illegible] something like ~~[illegible]~~ Fanny's, so I need not get another now. I am rather sorry after you have taken so much trouble to select, but you will thus be saved further trouble. We get along nicely without you, I with my school. Mary and Ma with the work. They washed Monday, and [illegible] the clothes are still on the grass. Wont they be bleached! We have not heard from

Can you get a shoulder of smoked mutton and a piece of dried beef? Take good care of yourselves. Call on Mary, John R. if you can. She told me to tell the girls to be sure to call when they came to the city. I will just mention one thing more I would like, if you will promise before you read it not to go to a store on purpose for it. It is the, a box of A. B. C. cards, or spelling cards. It would be so nice for Robbie. Don't trouble yourselves about it. They sent before if you find them [illegible]. Auntie sleeps very well. Good bye. Sis.

I really believe you need not get me a dress unless you have already done so. It does not seem that I should have time to make it just now, and maybe before I've time to make it, I can get one at a bargain somewhere.

Enquire the price of French=Bed=steads and marbletop tables.

Remsen, May 14. 1861.

My dear Friend

You will not think it strange when I say that I cannot see you, as I have, almost daily, and not wish to see you truly useful and truly happy, and as you have not, as you cannot, find true happiness any where else, let me entreat you to go to Jesus, to give yourself to him. Be assured that God has work for you to do; and would it not grieve you to refuse to do anything for him who does everything for you? When he provides for all our daily wants, and offers us a glorious, a happy home above, if we will but accept it, is it too much for us to give the whole of our short lives, and to consecrate all our poor powers to his service?

O, let us rather gladly say, "Here Lord, I give myself away." In a very few years our eyes will be closed upon all the familiar objects which greet them to-day. Where, O where, shall they be opened, in Heaven? or in H—l? O, I entreat you, without a moment's delay, seek Jesus. Cry, "Jesus take me & make me thine." Then you may hope to be useful, then you may hope to be happy.

Your friend,

C. H. Everett.

Remsen, Nov. 4, 1861.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find $5.00 for the purpose of assisting in the loving work of furnishing our brave soldiers with religious reading. Most of it was collected during our Summer school, by my little pupils (14 in number) and it was there desire that it should be used, as they expressed it, to "buy good books for the soldiers." Please acknowledge its receipt, and if practicible state what company will be benefied by it, and greatly oblige

Your sincere friend

C. H. E.

Box 15

Remsen N. Y.

Oriskany, July 13, 1868

Dear Jennie,

Your letter was received last Thursday, but as we went to Utica Friday morning, and did not return until near eleven Saturday night, I have not had much time to answer it. We have got my wreath framed. It looks very pretty. The frame, tassels, ~~en~~graving &c. came to $3.60. I got me a new silk bonnet, which will cost near $5.00 I was obliged to borrow near $4.00 of Annie, who happened to have a good deal of money in her purse. I would like to have you send me $6.00 We staid at cousin Mary's Friday night

Have you seen anything about a Dr. Carpenter who has taken rooms in the American Hotel, He has his patients inhale oxygenized gas. I am going to write for him to send father a circular that you may see what you think. I saw one in Utica in which were accounts of a case of ancient deafness being cured, and of a man who was cured in a fortnight of dyspepsia of twenty years standing. Good morning. Write soon. Love to all

In haste

C. H. Bonnell

Saturday we went to see Annie's Aunt Laura and Mrs. Roberts, the lady with whom Annie and Ruth boarded last Fall. We had on the whole a pleasant time, though we got very tired. We saw George Loring He is now Book-keeper in Wilcox & Smith's wholesale store. He was engaged at the desk when we first went in - he sent his love to Jennie, and wanted me to tell her that he hoped you would come and spend 2 or 3 weeks at their house soon. His sisters are both at home now. Their vacation has just begun. I invited him to bring his sisters up to see you, and I think he said perhaps he might, but he thought it was a great deal easier to come to Utica than to go from there elsewhere to visit.

I got an ounce of oil of lavender for one shilling, also two packages of White envelopes for a shilling a

package, also a quire of paper for 18 cts. one sheet of which I am now using. We enquired at several stores for gardening gloves, but could not find any. At Clark's Glove Manufactory they told us that they had none, and would not be likely to have any, as it was so late in the season. Their regular gardening gloves wer made of leather, and were six shillings a pair. They had some rubber ones which they sometimes sold for the same purpose which were $1.00 per pair. If you would like to have me get a pair of them, please write, and I can do so. I got a pair of leather ones somewhere else for 50 cts. but I am much afraid they will not prove good ones. I do not recollect any thing else for which you sent. If there is any-thing which you or some of the rest would like, please let me know.

Eddie's letter came after we were gone Friday. We did not receive it until Sunday morning. We thank him much for writing when he had so much to do. His letters were very interesting. If nothing unseen prevents, we will send Davie up Wednesday on the evening train. I wish I was going with him. I hope I can come next week. Mary thinks of sending Ella up next week some time. I hope I can come with her. Fannie is very anxious to go too. I think I could do something towards entertaining a house full of children. If there is any thing to call me home, be sure to let me know, for our kind friends appear to have decided to detain me here until I am sent for. I am much better of stomach troubles than before I came, and enjoy my visit, but sometimes I am quite homesick, and I do not want to lose all of Davie's visit up there. I hope to come home sometime next week though Annie says all the time I am going to stay for 6 weeks longer. Please when you write next tell us something about the draft. We see no Daily paper. I learned in Utica that they had drafted in some counties in the state and in N. Y. city. Are they likely to draft in this Co.? Do you know whether they are going to draft from the Militia or from all the able bodied men? Pleas inform us if you know, if not, what you think

Miss. Jenna E. De Kay[?]
Carlsburg
Transylvania
Austrian Empire

Hillside, Feb. 24, 1862

Dear Jennie

The only event which has graciously relieved my loneliness during your absence, is a pleasant sleigh-ride, I, of course, being one of the happy riders. Fannie and Nelson completed our little party.

The air was just cool enough to invigorate without chilling, while the light had that peculiar mellow softness which it so often wears at the close of a windless day. Before our journey ended, however, this fair coloring gradually faded into the more sober, though scarce less pleasant light of the moon. Our course lay over Stella Hill, and you know the scenery from there, whether viewed by sunlight or monlight is very lovely. Added to this, we were in just ~~in~~ the mood to enjoy a drive, so how could anything mar our pleasure? I confess, however, to one serious

drawback to mine, and I doubt not the others would say the same, and heartily join me in craving your sympathy. To explain – our seat was very narrow ~~small~~, and we, three full grown, full dressed young persons required room, and found it a ~~very~~ hard matter to contract as much as appeared necessary. We ~~succeeded~~ managed however ~~in locating~~ to locate ourselves within the limits of our narrow seat, and tried to atone for our physical discomfort by saying pretty things to ~~please~~ amuse the fancy, and succeeded so well, that we soon found abundant occasion to congratulate ourselves upon our great good nature in submiting with such befitting grace to an unavoidable evil. Altogether ~~our~~ the drive was a most agreeable one, forming a pleasing variety in our quiet life, still we felt not a little relieved when released from our confinement at Fannie's ~~Ellie's~~ home to receive the kindly welcome there awaiting us –

More sometime from

Your affectionate

Cynthia –

Remsen Feb 22. 186[illegible]

Dear Jennie -

You remember my promise to write you a letter this week, and here you find my poor apology of a fulfilment. The only thing which has greatly interested me since you left, is a sleigh-ride, and its incidents, I, of course, being one of the happy riders. The others of our party were Ellen and Pierce. The air was just cool enough to invigorate without chilling, and the light had that peculiar mellow softness which it so often wears at the close of a windless day; before our journey was over however, this fair coloring faded into the more sober though scarce less pleasant light of the moon. Our course was over Stars Hill, and you know the scenery from there, whether viewed by sunlight or moonlight is very lovely. Besides this we were in just the mood to enjoy a drive, how could anything mar our pleasure? I confess however to one serious drawback to mine, and I doubt not the others would say the same, and heartily join me in craving your sympathy. To explain - our seat was very narrow and we, three full grown, full dressed young persons required room, and found it a very hard matter to contract as much as appeared necessary. We succeeded however in ensconsing ourselves after a fashion within the limits of our narrow seat and tried to atone for our ~~lack of~~ physical discomfort by saying agreeable things, agreeable to please the fancy, ~~as~~ As time advanced we found abundant occasion to congratulate ourselves upon our great good nature, in submitting with such a martyr-like grace to an unavoidable evil, in accepting ~~so uncomplaining our portion of the evil with the good~~ Still we felt not a little relieved, ~~[illegible]~~ when ~~our confinement~~ we ~~were~~ released from our confinement at Ellen's home ~~to receive~~ d the kindly welcome there awaiting us.

More sometime from

Your affectionate

Cynthia

Dear Jennie D

After sunset the sky became overspread with fleecy clouds, so light and airy that ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ they intercepted the moonbeams they seemed to soften rather than darken

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Mrs. Jennie E. DeHoss

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